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IN FOREIGN WORKERS SUIT VS TINIAN DYNASTY OVER CW-1:

Magistrate judge to hold settlement conference

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy will hold a settlement conference tomorrow, Wednesday, in connection with

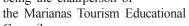


a lawsuit filed by over 500 current and former foreign workers against the owners of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino over the denial of their CNMI-only Transitional Worker (CW-1) petitions. See JUDGE on Page 4

Benavente to 'wear two hats' in Governor's Office

By JON PEREZ jon_perez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Former Marianas Visitors Authority board member Vicky Benavente will be wearing two hats at the Governor's Office as she will still be involved in the tourism industry Benavente being the chairperson of





ignation as a member of the MVA board during the

group's meeting last Aug. 19 at the MVA office conference room in San Jose. Gov. Ralph DLG Tor-

res recently appointed Benavente as special assistant on project development. She resigned as a

board member of the CNMI's tourism arm effective last Aug. 22.

Benavente said that time management would be the key with her new job under the Torres administration and at the same time be involved in her passion and first love, which is the CNMI's hospitality and tourism

"I'm officially resigned on the MVA board effective Aug. 22 when I started working at the Governor's Office. We are not allowed by law to be a government employee if you are

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Flags raised at Airport Field for 9/11 first responders, servicemen

» Weeklong 'We Will **Never Forget: Field of Heroes' begins today**

By ERWIN ENCINARES

Student-volunteers coming from Marianas High School, Grace Christian Academy, and Mt. Carmel School helped raise flags at the CPA Airport Field yesterday for today's start of the weeklong commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 incident as well as honor past and current servicemen.

The event is dubbed "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes" and is hosted by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

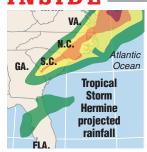
The flags were purchased by local businesses of the CNMI and by various people who wish to support the purpose of the event, which is to honor those who responded during the 9/11 tragedy in Sept. 11, 2001 as well as servicemen who had and continue to defend the nation's freedom.

Eunice Angeles, program special-



ist of Corporate Affairs for the Tan U.S. flags are raised at the CPA Airport Field by student-volunteers from Marianas High School, Grace Christian Academy, and Mt. Carmel School yesterday to pay See FLAGS on Page 4 homage to the servicemen who responded to 911 and remember those who died during the tragic incident.

INSIDE



NATION

Hermine spun away from the East Coast on Sunday, removing the threat of heavy rain but maintaining enough power to whip up dangerous waves and rip currents.

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\mathbf{WORLD}

Elevating the "saint of the gutters" to one of the Catholic Church's highest honors, Pope Francis on Sunday praised Mother Teresa for her radical dedication to society's outcasts.

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OVERDRIVE

The refreshed 2017 Ford Escape comes with a smarter engine, advanced safety features, and a new(ish) infotainment system.

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Local

Miss Marianas joins coin, geography workshop

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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The Mariana Stamp and Coin Club hosted a coin workshop last Saturday at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library to teach people of all ages about geography through foreign coins donated to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter.

Geography was taught by letting the children glue the foreign coins to the country where they came from on a map which would be displayed in the public library for visitors to see.

Miss Marianas 2016 Peachy Quitugua could not help but stand out among the attendees of the workshop. She said she is fascinated by the the amount of foreign coins donated to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter.

"I think it was a very eyeopening event. To see the visitors from all around the world visiting Saipan. It feels really good to know that people know about our islands," said

Quitugua also thinks that workshops such as these are



useful to her by increasing her knowledge about foreign countries that she might encounter in the near future. "I stumbled upon a lot of countries that I didn't know existed, along with their locations. I think this would really help me a lot."

Quitugua is currently starting preparations for her next competition, Miss International, which is to be held in Tokyo, Japan, on Oct. 27 this year.

"I am doing stuff like this [coin workshop], like getting to know other countries because I would get to meet a lot of people. I am also fixing my public speaking, because I have to speak a lot. Just fixing my stage presence and getting to know more about my island because I am going to represent the CNMI."

John Hirsch, executive director of the ARC NMI Chapter, expressed his gratitude not only to the Mariana Stamp and Coin Club, but also to those who donated.

"The Red Cross, for many years on the island, has been placing small coin boxes in different stores. Like they say Miss Marianas 2016 Peachy Quitugua along with Mariana Stamp and Coin Club founder Steven Connor and the attendees of the coin workshop pose for a group photo beside the coin map.

in fundraising, every penny counts-literally. So we're really grateful to anyone who puts their change into the coin boxes," said Hirsch. "Over time, in addition to U.S. coins, people particularly tourists, drop foreign coins. Unfortunately, we really can't take those coins to the bank and exchange them for U.S. currency."

Steven Connor, founder of the Mariana Stamp and Coin Club, shared that the main goal of the coin workshop is to teach the children not only about geography, but also about how big the world really is.

The main thing is for children to learn about coins, the images on the coin, what they mean, where they came from, and how they got here. This is so that they appreciate that we are all part of one world. We're not stuck in an island out here, where nobody knows where we are," said Connor.



Miss Marianas 2016 Peachy Quitugua takes a peek at a fellow workshop attendee's foreign coin during the coin workshop hosted by the Mariana Stamp and Coin Club at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library



Miss Marianas 2016 Peachy Quitugua applies pressure to a coin just recently glued to the map that is going to be displayed at the Joeten-Kiyu Public.



Mariana Stamp and Coin Club founder Steven Connor explains the images on a coin from New Zealand.

last Saturday.

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Camacho set to buckle down to work on Zoning board

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Joel Camacho is excited and ready to share his knowledge as a new member of the Commonwealth Zoning Board.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation confirmed Camacho in last Friday's session at the Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building on Capital Hill.

Camacho said it is time to

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Belated happy birthday to Emu Chowdhury who celebrated his special day last Sept. 2. Thank you everyday for working hard and taking care of us. We love you so much. From Shamme, Eitmam, Ebtida, and Eiliyah. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

infuse young blood in some government agencies. "I'm excited and I'll do my best to serve the board. It is about time to let the young people in. Thank you to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and SNILD for allowing me to serve on the board."

He added that one of the areas that he would look into, once sworn in by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, is the application of the non-profit group Marianas Behavioral International Inc. of opening and operating the CNMI's first drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility.

Agnes McPhetres, Joey Arriola, MBII managing director Diego Manglona Sablan, and

Marianas Counseling Service's Crispin M. Sablan attended last week's SNILD session to ask for help in establishing rehabilitation center on Saipan.

Camacho said he Camacho wants to look more on their application. "I can't

speak on the details yet since I'm not familiar with the matter right now. I'll get to work right away and look into their by the governor."

"All of their documents.



that," added Camacho, who would remain in the Senate Legislative Bureau's staff.

He said that he aims to work closely with the other mem-

plans as soon as I'm sworn in bers of the Zoning board to push what are their mandated to do. "I do have some ideas that I would like to bring to the other board members. Once I'm settled in, I'll disclose everything to them. This time, I'll wait until I get sworn in."

> Camacho graduated with a criminal justice administration degree from Boise State University and decided to come back to contribute and offer his services to the CNMI. He's been working as a senior legislative assistant in the CNMI Senate for the past four years.

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Man in ICU after nearly drowning in pool

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie delatorre@saipantribune.com

A 31-year-old man was still in the intensive care unit at the Commonwealth Healthcare Center yesterday after a near drowning incident at a hotel's swimming pool in Susupe

over the weekend.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde told Saipan Tribune last night that the incident happened at the Kanoa Resort's swimming pool on Saturday night.

Gersonde said he believes

that when a lifeguard found the 31-year-old Chinese national in the pool area he already had no pulse and was not breathing.

Gersonde said medics from Koblerville Fire Station responded and were able to revive the victim, who was then transported to CHC.

"As of this morning [Monday] he was still in the ICU," the DFEMS spokesman said.

No other details were pro-

Last July 27, a 3-year-old boy and a 61-year-old woman nearly drowned at two hotels on Saipan.

Medics from Koblerville and Susupe fire stations immediately responded and came upon a 3-year-old Chinese boy complaining of stomach pain.

The hotel's lifeguards stated that the boy was found underwater in the pool area.

Lifeguards performed one set of cardio pulmonary resuscitation, causing the boy to regain consciousness, but with a low oxygen reading.

The boy was given oxygen and rushed to CHC's emergency room.

In the second incident, DFEMS medics from Garapan and Susupe fire stations responded and came upon a 61-year-old Chinese woman who was conscious but unresponsive.

The hotel's lifeguard supervisor stated that the woman was floating near the shore.

Lifeguards performed three sets of CPR, causing the victim to have a pulse.

The victim had a low oxygen reading. She was given oxygen and rushed to CHC's emergency room. (Ferdie de la Torre)

AT WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

Pacific Community highlights climate change, resilience, sustainable fisheries

HONOLULU, Hawaii—The world's largest conservation congress kicked off last Friday in Hawaii and the Pacific Community has joined over 8,000 global leaders and decision-makers from government, civil society, indigenous groups, business and academia, to garner support for stronger action towards a sustainable future.

The Pacific Community director general Dr. Colin Tukuitonga attended the Pacific Ocean Summit at the start of the IUCN Congress and moderated a session on Action on Climate Change-reducing emissions, increasing renewable energy, which included addresses from the President of the Republic of Marshall Islands, H.E. Dr Hilda Heine, the Prime Minister of Tuvalu. Hon. Enele Sopoaga. and the Kingdom of Tonga's Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Siaosi Sovaleni.

The summit provided an

HONOLULU—The Coast

Guard is seeking the public's

help identifying the owner of

an orange Type 1 life jacket

approximately five miles

southwest of Barbers Point,

The life jacket appeared to

be in the stored position with

no identifiable markings and

Anyone with information

that may help identify the

owner of the life jacket is

asked to contact the Coast

Guard Sector Honolulu

Command Center at 808-

was unable to be recovered.

Oahu, Saturday.

opportunity to launch the 2030 Ocean Partnership for action on the world's largest ocean with an aim to make commitments for action on climate change as well as renewable energy and for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (14) on Oceans.

"We're at a critical juncture in terms of the global response to climate change. Pacific Island countries and territories have committed to bold initiatives in terms of enhancing renewable energy production, adapting to climate change and strengthening the resilience of ecosystems," Tukuitonga said.

"It's critical that the donor community pursues and increases its support for the needs of the Pacific," he said.

SPC has a large portfolio of climate change and disaster risk management projects in the Pacific region and collaborates closely with the Secretariat of the Pacific

Watchstanders at Sector

Honolulu Command Center

received the report from the

crew of the research vessel

Kilo Moana at 7 p.m., who

located the life jacket adrift

Sector Honolulu watch-

standers issued an urgent

marine information broad-

cast notice to mariners and

launched an MH-65 Dolphin

helicopter from Coast Guard

Air Station Barbers Point to

conduct a search of the area.

There are currently no re-

southwest of Barbers Point.

Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

While in Hawaii, Tukuitonga will also have the opportunity to address Pacific Island leaders on the "new song" for coastal fisheries.

The "new song" is an innovative strategy to achieve sustainable inshore fisheries, underpinned by communitybased approaches that provide food security, long-term economic, social and ecological benefits to Pacific Island communities.

The initiative was developed in 2015 by over 100 participants representing fisheries and environment departments across SPC's 22 members at a regional coastal fisheries management workshop convened by the organisation.

"Inshore fisheries are a primary or secondary source of income for up to 50 percent of households in the

ported signs of distress or

Pacific region. By 2030, it is estimated that an additional 115,000 tonnes of fish will be needed across the region for good nutrition and therefore to avoid the projected supply deficit, sources of fish need to diversify and management of coastal fisheries will need to improve," Dr Tukuitonga said.

The 10-day World Conservation Congress, which will also be attended by SPC's director for Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Programme, Sylvie Goyet and her team, will also provide the opportunity to highlight key results of two climate-change related initiatives—EU-INTEGRE AFD/FFEM RESCCUE.

A full programme of SPC's intervention and participation at the Congress and contact details of the delegation can be made available.

The Congress concludes on Sept. 10. (PR)

USCG seeks public's help locating owner of life jacket found near Barbers Point, Oahu

missing persons in the area. "The Coast Guard strongly encourages owners to label their gear with a name and contact information. Also, if the gear is lost, report it to the Coast Guard with a good description so that we can eliminate any unnecessary searches," said Lt. Nicholas Spence, search and rescue coordinator at the Sector Ho-

nolulu command center. The Coast Guard offers free "If Found" decals to be placed in a visible location

on small, human-powered watercraft through the Operation Paddle Smart program. The information on the sticker can allow response entities to quickly identify the vessel's owner and aid search and rescue planners in determining the best course of action.

The stickers can be obtained for free at local harbormasters, through the Coast Guard Auxiliary, from Honolulu Sail and Power Squadron offices and at select marine retail and supply stores. (PR)

The three remaining MVA other board members.

bylaws, the three remaining board directors who were elected will decide who will replace a fellow director that resigned. They will then get in touch with the person and ask

JUDGE From Page 1

In an order issued on Friday, Kennedy said each party shall attend the conference at 8:30am with an authorized representative possessing settlement authority and counsel.

Kennedy gave each party until noon today, Tuesday, to exchange settlement statements.

The magistrate judge ordered the parties to submit these statements in camera, along with any additional information that may assist the judge during settlement discussions by emailing them to her by 12pm today, Tuesday.

Kennedy said statements should include a brief outline of the facts of the case, undisputed issues and major issues on dispute, remedy sought such as damages, previous demand(s) and counteroffer(s), and any other information which may encourage settlement of this case.

In their lawsuit, Eric F. Dona and co-plaintiffs, through counsel Samuel Mok, alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied to them about their immigration legal status.

The plaintiffs alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied that they were legally authorized to work notwithstanding the denial of their CW-1 petitions.

The plaintiffs' amended complaint adds a claim of constructive fraud against HKE and HKE majority shareholder, Mega Stars Overseas Limited.

The lawyer moved the court to issue a declaration that HKE's statement that it was legally permissible for the plaintiffs to continue working even though the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services had denied their CW-1 petitions was false.

Mok requested the court to hold HKE and Mega Stars liable to pay the workers damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

FLAGS

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Holdings Corp., shared how important it is for 9/11 to be remembered.

"This is important because this event [9/11] does not only happen here in the U.S., it happens all around the world. It's something that everybody should be aware of," she said. "It's not just a fight against terrorism, its also a fight for freedom, it's a fight for those who have sacrificed their lives for their own countries.

Angeles also points out that the event is not specifically for honoring the servicemen of the USA, but also that of the other countries who are the first to respond in the face of danger. "These flags are not just honoring Americans. Some people have dedicated the flags to honor heroes from their own countries as well," said Angeles.

Secretary of the executive director of the Veteran's Affairs Office, Jennifer de Leon Guerrero, thinks that the upcoming event is brilliant.

"For them to come up with an idea to honor everybody, not only my late husband who is a veteran himself but also the others that have gone through a lot with war and other servicemen who are battling PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)," said Guerrero. "It's really heartwarming just to see all these flags up here."

The opening ceremony of the "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes" would be held today at the CPA Airport Field, at 4pm with guest speaker Duane Samıan, from the Department of Homeland Security.

Flags can be purchased during the opening ceremony today or from any of the Shirley's Coffee Shops (Susupe and Garapan) and iShops all around Saipan. The flags would be distributed to their respective purchasers after the closing ceremonies on Sept. 13.

Proceeds of the event would go to the financing of the needs of veterans and soldiers who are suffering from PTSD.

BENAVENTE

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a member of the MVA board," Benavente told Saipan Tribune in an interview last week.

"Although my term as a board member was short, tourism is my passion. It has always been my passion, tourism and hospitality," added the former MVA managing director who got the most number of votes when the tourism group held its election for new board members last June.

Benavente said that she would be more useful as a

tourism "lobbyist." "Actually, not really a lobbyist," she added with a laugh.

'At least in this capacity, I hope to be more helpful since I now have the opportunity to give more assistance, not just with the MVA, but also in the hospitality and tourism industry in general," said Benavente.

"I will continue to also act in capacity as MTEC chair since the governor has given me the privilege to continue holding my post. And I'm excited about it," she added.

Her primary role as special assistant on project development, when asked by the Saipan Tribune, is to advise Torres on which government project needs more attention.

It will be more on giving advise on the direction of the governor as to which projects that I would focus on. Because I will be working on streamlining some government processes that is what I'm focused right now," added Benavente.

Benavente returned to the MVA after serving as its managing director more than 10 years ago. She was also the executive administrative assistant to Pacific Islands Club Saipan general manager Hiro Sugie.

board directors, who got elected, have yet to name her replacement. Jerry Tan, who was reelected, along with Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands president Gloria Cavanagh and Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa, are the

According to the MVA if he or she wants the post.

Ex-convict gets 1 year in prison for stealing car and violating probation

An ex-convict was slapped with a one-year prison term for stealing a car from a residence in San Jose and for violating the terms and conditions of his probation.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio last week sentenced Joshua James Torres Cruz to three years imprisonment, all suspended except one year, for the offense of theft of vehicle.

Cruz, 25, was given credit for time served of 106 days.

Kim-Tenorio sentenced Cruz to a total of six months of his suspended sentence for violating the terms and conditions of probation regarding his conviction in two prior criminal cases.

The judge said the sentences shall run consecutively with each other.

It means that Cruz shall serve a total of two years in prison, less 106 days.

After serving the prison term, the defendant will be placed on supervised probation for two years.

Cruz was ordered to pay \$1,356.80 in restitution to the victim, Ruben Abris, a \$100 fine, \$25 in court assessment fee, probation fee in an amount to be assessed by the Office of Adult Probation, plus \$300 in probation fee in his two previous cases.

Cruz was required to complete drug and alcohol counseling and write a letter of apology to Abris. He is prohibited from consuming any alcoholic beverages during the probationary period.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Cruz with theft of vehicle and two counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance.

OAG also moved to revoke the probation of Cruz in two criminal cases and one traffic case for violating the terms and conditions of his probation.

Cruz and counsel, assistant public defender Tillman Clark, signed a plea deal with the government.

Cruz pleaded guilty to the offense of theft of vehicle and admitted to violating the terms and conditions of his probation.

As part of the plea deal, the government moved to dismiss the remaining charges. The court granted the motion.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, Cruz stole Abris' vehicle from San Jose Market on May 14, 2016.

Cruz admitted to violating the terms and conditions of his probation by failing to pay a \$20 fine, \$75 in court assessment fees, \$360 in probation fees, and \$900 in restitution. He also admitted to failing to perform 250 hours of community work service, and report to the Office of Adult Probation as ordered to do so.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

Police traffic investigator Norris Kwon stated in his report that last May 14, a man called the Department of Public Safety that his gray 1992 Toyota Tercel two-door sedan with license plate ADU-972 was stolen from his residence in San Jose.

Kwon said during his inter-

Man gets four-month prison term for domestic violence, theft of brush cutter Superior Court Associate tion for two years. He was Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio has slapped a man with a four- of community work service,

Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio has slapped a man with a four-month prison sentence for domestic violence and for stealing a brush cutter.

Kim-Tenorio last week sentenced Joaquin T. Dowai to one-year imprisonment, all suspended except 30 days, for assault and battery.

Kim-Tenorio also sentenced the 36-year-old Dowai to oneyear imprisonment, all suspended except three months, for theft.

Dowai was given credit for time served of 66 days.

The judge said the sentence in the two cases shall run consecutively.

It means that Dowai shall serve a total of three months and 30 days imprisonment, but less 66 days.

After completing the prison term, the defendant will be placed on supervised probaordered to perform 160 hours of community work service, complete drug and alcohol counseling, and pay a \$100 fine, a \$25 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

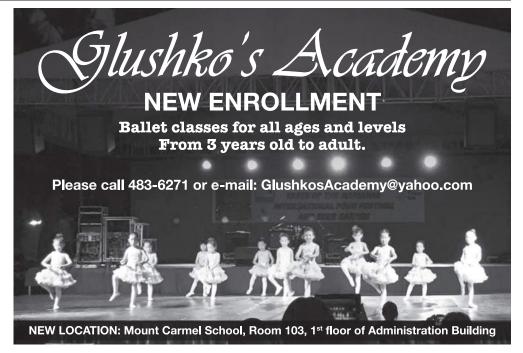
Dowai signed a plea deal with the government. He pleaded guilty to assault and battery, and theft.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, Dowai caused bodily harm to his common-law wife by punching and head-butting her on May 29, 2016 on Saipan.

Dowai also stole an Echo Blower and Bushcutter from Manuel Mangarero between June 19 and June 28, 2016 on Saipan.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit served as counsel for Dowai. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas represented the government. (Ferdie de la Torre) view, Cruz admitted to being in possession of the stolen car and drove the vehicle around for the past two days. Cruz further admitted to owning the marijuana plantation found next to his Federal Emergency Management Agency-issued tent.

Kwon said during his field test on the content of the clear ziplock bags found on the right passenger seat of the stolen car, it yielded presumptive positive for "ice." (Ferdie de la Torre)





DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF RENT

Operator of 2 Garapan restaurants ordered to vacate premises

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has ordered a company that operates two restaurants at LC Building in Garapan to vacate the premises for failing to answer a lawsuit over non-payment of space rent.

In a default judgment, Camacho found China Yanbian Foreign Economic & Technical Cooperation Corp. liable to pay LC Rental Company LLC \$104,400, including the principal amount of \$83,200, plus costs and attorneys' fees in the amount of \$1,222.

Camacho terminated the month-to-month lease

Company LLC as lessor and China Yanbian as lessee.

The judge ordered that the premises shall be restored to LC Rental Company LLC.

The motion for a default judgment was held last Aug. 26, but only attorney Benjamin Petersburg appeared in court for LC Rental. No one appeared for China Yanbian.

China Yanbian operates Seoul One Restaurant and Shinsen Sushi Restaurant at LC Building in Garapan. Saipan Tribune learned yesterday that the two restaurants are still operating. The company also rents an apartment unit on the third floor of the same building.

LC Rental manages the LC

tween plaintiff LC Rental Building and is responsible for collecting monthly rental payments from tenants. China Yanbian allegedly does not have a written lease agreement with LC Rental.

> Attorney Mark Hanson, another counsel for LC Rental, stated in the complaint that China Yanbian is supposed to pay \$4,000 per month for the space in the premises by the Shinsen Sushi Restaurant, \$6,000 per month for the space by the Seoul One Restaurant, and \$400 per month for the apartment unit-for a total rent of \$10,400 per month.

Hanson said China Yanbian has not paid any rent to LC Rental since November 2015 nor has it vacated its occupan-

Hanson said China Yanbian now owes LC Rental no less than \$83,200 in unpaid rent.

He said despite the statutory demands made by LC Rental, China Yanbian has failed and the premises. Recently, CNMI Labor ad-

refused to pay the back rent

due and has refused to vacate

ministrative hearing officer Jerry Cody ordered the reinstatement of suspended sanctions in the amount of \$1,000 against China Yanbian for failing to comply with an administrative order issued on June 17, 2016 directing the compa-

ny to produce payroll records.

According to court documents, San Hun Lee claimed that he is a member of LC Rental Company LLC, and an officer of China Yanbian. Lee is the son of Byung Deuk Lee, a Korean businessman who was allegedly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and figured before in a legal dispute with some family members.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Navy, Air Force to conduct training at W-517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) during the following dates and times:

■ Sept 6 and 7 from 8am to 10pm

■ Sept. 8 from noon to 10pm

The Air Force and Navy will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

■ Sept. 6 and 7 from 8:30am to 7pm

■ Sept. 9 from 7:30am to 11pm

■ Sept. 10 and 11 from 11am to 11pm

The general public-especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends southsouthwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, provide sufficient room to conduct the many training profiles required to support aircrew combat readiness requirements.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. (PR)

NMC test vouchers for A+ and N+ certification available

The Northern Marianas College-Community Development Institute (CDI) has announced that test vouchers are available for those individuals who had attended the College's IT Bootcamp conducted earlier this summer.

The vouchers, which are for the A+ and N+ certification tests, will be emailed to those who attended the IT Bootcamp; the vouchers can also be obtained by calling the CDI office at 237-6802. The College also announced that the Pearson Vue testing center will be ready to receive appointments for test takers in late September. Please call 670-237-6802 for further questions. (PR)

Financial conference set at Sept. 15-16

Bank of Guam, the Commonwealth Development Authority, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce are hosting a financial conference on Sept. 15 and 16, 2016.

This two-day event is aimed at strengthening the CNMI by addressing challenges and proposing suggestions for improved fiscal support of our business community. Panelists will offer their expertise and experience on key issues.

You may register for this conference by contacting the Chamber office at administrator@saipanchamber.com or by calling 670-234-7150.

Space is limited so please contact us as soon as possible. Admittance for registered attendees is free, and has been generously sponsored Bank of Guam, United Airlines, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Mc-Donalds Saipan, and Pacific Pancakes CNMI LLC. (PR)



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Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Saipan and Triple J employees pose with Garapan Elementary School's principal and vice principal after Triple J donated \$5,000 to GES, which will go toward fixing all the damaged air-conditioning units in the school, making the learning environment a lot cooler.

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Deleon Guerrero: Better for AG to settle CUC board issue

By JON PEREZ

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Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said it is better for the Attorney General's Office to decide on the issue of whether the governor or the Legislature, particularly the Senate, has the authority to abolish the board of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Members of the CUC board are all appointees of the governor.

Deleon Guerrero, who attended last week's CUC board meeting and is a former chair of the House Public Utilities, Transportation, and Telecommunications Committee, said

he, like the governor or the Senate, which confirms all appointees, is willing to wait for the AG's decision on who could abolish the board.

"I was surprised that the administration is seeking the AG's opinion on what are the procedures or situation when to abolish the CUC board," said Deleon Guerrero. "I guess they are waiting for the AG's opinion, I would also like to wait for the AG's opinion as well."

He added that the House has no issue with the CUC board. "The House, just to be on the safe side, does have nothing, no issue with the appointees or any member of the board." The AG needs to interpret the law on what it clearly says or defines when and how to abolish a board. "The AG's opinion is very important. Clarity on the law is what we need. I'm glad the administration is seeking the AG's opinion," said Deleon Guerrero.

However, he added that abolishing the board is not the answer and instead find ways to solve CUC's issues. "As I said earlier, I don't think abolishing the board is necessary. What we need is to tighten up the belts, and change a little bit of our attitudes and really focus on the issues."

The Governor's Office has consulted with the AG's Of-

fice if there is a legal way to abolish the board but would still not divulge other details.

The Torres administration, however, received information that the governor has no legal process that could completely abolish the CUC board.

One way that the government is seeing is not renewing the terms of the members of the board or if they failed to have a quorum in their meetings.

The administration said it

is becoming clear now that it won't be legally possible to abolish or dissolve the board. They, however, remain in communication with the AG's Office on what are the other options.

Independence TF commends Aguon, OAG for arguments in Davis case

GUAM—The Independence for Guåhan Task Force commends attorney Julian Aguon and the Office of Attorney General's Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson for their monumental defense of the right of the native Inhabitants of Guam to determine the island's future political status in Thursday's hearing for the Arnold Davis vs. Guam Election Commission case.

Aguon reminded the court that decolonization is not a right that applies to all, but rather, "a remedy to restore a right" that was taken away from a particular group of people, whom Congress itself defined as those who became U.S. citizens by virtue of the authority and enactment of the 1950 Organic Act of Guam and their descendants.

Davis' argument rests on the premise that not allowing him to register in Guam's decolonization registry is racebased discrimination. The task force finds it appalling that our island, which remains a U.S. colony and has been denied the right to vote under this premise, is being accused of racism. Aguon not only reminded the court that Guam's definition of native inhabitant is "facially race-neutral" or not race-based. he also asked the court whether Davis' right to vote in what is essentially a non-binding decision trumps the people of Guam's long denied right to vote for elected officials who make decisions on their behalf.

The task force commends Aguon for his nuanced use of the insular cases. He argued that in this particular case, the insular cases, which are typically the villain in their denial of rights to the territories, are the hero because they prove that unincorporated territories have a unique relationship to the U.S., which cannot be compared to decisions the court has made in issues involving states, because the constitution does not always apply to Guam in the way it does to states. The insular cases give Congress, not the constitution, full authority over the rights of people in unincorporated territories, because the courts have determined that such territories are not on the path to statehood, but rather de-annexation and fuller selfgovernance, Aguon argued.

While the task force recognizes the limitations of defending this case in a federal court, which upholds the authority of Guam's colonizer, we value the dialogue that is taking place and hope the community continues to find inspiration and drive in Aguon's arguments.

For more information, please contact Independent Guåhan chair Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua at (671) 988-7106, email independentguahan@gmail.com, or visit www.independentguahan.com. (PR)



TWIN PROCLAMATIONS FOR CANCER AWARENESS

JON PEREZ

Commonwealth Cancer Association board vice president Maggie C. Camacho, right, looks on as Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs the proclamations declaring September as Childhood and Prostrate Cancers Awareness Month last week at the Governor's Office conference room.

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

September 6, 2000

IG gears up for Saipan harbor project audit

The United States interior department's Inspector General is gearing up for a thorough audit of the Saipan Harbor Improvement Project, in response to the Commonwealth Ports Authority's request for a full accounting of the funds earmarked for the undertaking. In an interview, CPA Board Chair Roman S. Palacios disclosed the Inspector General's Office on Guam is conducting the audit investigation of the Saipan seaport project, which was marred with controversies due to alleged rechanneling of funds. Mr. Palacios said the Department of the Interior's investigating arm has already requested that its Guam office be furnished by appropriate documents that relates to the project's funding and the scope of work. IG is asking CPA to provide its office with the copy of two U.S. grants totaling \$10 million; source of funds schedule; actual project cost, loan agreement with the Commonwealth Development Authority; scope of work; and the engineer's estimate.

Bill regulating commercial use of lagoon faces strong opposition

Boat owners and tour operators came in full force to a public hearing held yesterday by the House transportation committee to oppose legislation that will regulate sea vessels' traffic within Saipan's western lagoon. They pleaded anew their case against the management of the Outer Cove Marina over safety and fees, turning the hearing into an extension of last week's Senate oversight into the controversy. But Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho, chair of the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, told reporters after the hearing the panel would press passage of the proposal once it has been fine-tuned.

The gathering heard views from government agencies and the community on HB 12-250 seeking to regulate operations of tour boats and commercial passenger ships within the lagoon.

September 6, 2004

Govt tried to grant foreign students jobs in CNMI

The Attorney General's Office tried to allow foreign students to work in the CNMI but eventually dropped the plan because it would be inconsistent with another law, acting immigration director Antonio P. Sablan said in his testimony in federal court Friday. According to Sablan the Attorney General's Office, which oversees the immigration division, drafted an emergency regulation that would allow foreign students to come in and work in the Commonwealth. He said he was personally against the plan, which was introduced in early August 2003, because it was contrary to the existing regulation. At the same time, he said that it would pose a big immigration problem for the CNMI. During direct examination by assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Smith, Sablan also cited the CNMI's moratorium on the entry of new foreign workers for certain job categories.

Celebrity arrives for the Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic

The 9th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf tournament is just around the corner, and the Hyatt Regency Saipan reached out across the globe to somewhat of a celebrity to participate in this year's event. Hailing from Inverness in Scotland, golfer Jimmy McDougal arrived on Saipan last Tuesday in traditional Scottish garb with nary

an autograph seeker in sight. Wearing his Tartan kilt, complete with McDougal heritage and glowing with his bright blonde hair, there was a little confusion as to what he was doing here as he passed through customs amongst the locals and tourists.

September 6, 2005

Fund opposes exempting PSS from rate hike

The NMI Retirement Fund is opposing the passage of a bill that aims to exempt the Public School System from the rate increase in retirement contribution beginning fiscal year 2006. "We don't favor that. I don't think the Senate will pass it if they look at it more closely. We only have one system of retirement here. If you give one agency such an exemption, all others will follow suit, and what happens to the Retirement Fund? It will suffer," said Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes. He noted that the House of Representatives passed the measure, House Bill 14-369, without consulting with the Fund.

Govt tax refunds declining since FY99

Total taxes collected by the CNMI government peaked in fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998 at more than \$200 million—nearly 700 percent higher than what it was getting a decade before. Since FY 1999, however, the numbers have been steadily going down to an average of \$176 million a year. Department of Finance data showed the government collected less than \$50 million in FY 1986 and FY 1997 (\$28.7 million \$37.3 million, respectively); and less than \$100 million in FY 1988, 1989, and 1990, which showed a total of \$62.2 million, \$73 million, and \$90 million, respectively. In the next five years, business gross revenues and total taxes breached the \$100 million mark, beginning at \$126.4 million in FY 1991, \$131.3 million in FY 1992, \$122.1 million in FY 1993, \$134.9 million in FY 1994, and \$134.9 million in FY 1995.

CNMI receives grant to address DoD initatives

Given the unique relationship between the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States government and the complexity of Department of Defense initiatives, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres believes it is imperative to pursue an engagement strategy that ensures strong stewardship, long term sustainability, and is mutually beneficial, non pre-decisional and collaborative.

With the establishment of the Civil Military Liaison Office through the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment Grant, the

people of the Commonwealth Tinian and its adjacent waters, can more proactively engage DoD initiatives.

According to Torres, current resources are insufficient to address the challenge in a timely and responsive manner; however, the Civil Military Liaison Office is an incremental approach in addressing proposed DoD activities such as live fire training, economic diversification and the CNMI Covenant.

Torres adds that in order for the U.S. government to carry out its defense responsibilities, the Covenant made approximately 27.8 sq. mi. of approximately 0.3 sq. mi. at Tanapag Harbor, and Farallon de Medinilla and adjacent waters available through a lease signed in 1983 for an initial term of 50 years with the option to renew.

Since 2010, the DoD has initiated five independent Environmental Impact Statements and Overseas Environmental Impact Statements affecting the Commonwealth.

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the May 2015 United States Pacific Fleet Marianas Islands Training and Testing, the April 2015 United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific CNMI Joint Military Training, the July 2010 United States Navy Marine Relocation, and the May 2010 United States Pacific Fleet Mariana Islands Range Complex. The purpose of the CMLO is to provide a single point of contact for all federal actions, ensure Commonwealth equities are protected, allow for better informed decision making and enhance communications with DoD and

community outreach and awareness," Torres said.

The grant was co-authored by the CNMI Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse in partnership with the Office of the Governor's Chief of Staff, Mr. Matt Deleon Guerrero. Operating under the Office of the Governor, the DoD-OEA grant covers a civil military liaison executive director and a grants manager with crucial emphasis on DoD engagements that take place outside the Commonwealth.

Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse Administrator Mr. Epi Cabrera shares that the CMLO will report directly to the Governor and keep the Administration informed on briefings, reports and white papers while providing updates to stakeholders and the media.

Cabrera also adds that the CMLO will gather relevant documents and establish a repository for accessible reference and documentation on federal related issues. (PR)

Fiscal year 2017 cap set for CNMI-Only Transitional Workers

WASHINGTON—In sponse to statutory requirements, the Department of Homeland Security will allow up to 12,998 nonimmigrants in fiscal year 2017 for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands-Only Transitional Worker program. DHS published the notice in today's Federal Register.

Under the CW-1 program, employers in the CNMI can apply for temporary permission to employ foreign nationals who are ineligible for any existing employment-based nonimmigrant category under the Immigration and Nationality Act. The CW program is in effect until Dec. 31, 2019. DHS reduced the FY 2017 CW-1 cap by one to meet the CNMI's existing labor market needs and provide opportunity for potential growth, while meeting a statutory requirement to reduce the cap each year. Because the cap was reached for FY 2016 on May 5, DHS has decided to preserve the status quo, or current conditions, rather than aggressively reduce CW-1 numbers for FY 2017. We encourage CW-1 employers to file a petition for a CW-1 nonimmigrant worker as early as possible within 6 months of the proposed start date of employment. USCIS will reject a petition if it is filed more than 6 months in advance.

DHS reminds CNMI employers that the CW-1 program requires that the foreign worker be ineligible for any other employment-based nonimmigrant visa classification under U.S. immigration law, such as the H-2B classification for temporary or seasonal workers and the H-1B classification for workers in a specialty occupation. DHS urges CNMI employers to reevaluate whether their employees are eligible for any other existing employment-based nonimmigrant category, and if so, to use other U.S. nonimmigrant classifications when appropriate. For workers em-rized period of stay. Approved ployed in the CNMI, there is no cap on H-2B or H-1B visas during the transition pe-

riod ending Dec. 31, 2019. More **>> Cap set** information on these programs is available on the H-2B page and the H-1B page.

Last week's announcement does

CW-1 workers unless their employer files for an extension of their current autho-

start date between Oct. 1, 2016, and Sept. 30, 2017 will wards the 12,998 cap. The cap

at 12,998 CW-1 nonimmigrants for FY 2017

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rectly affected because their status depends upon that of the principal CW-1.

For more information, please visit the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker (CW-1) Cap page or the U.S. Immigration Law in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) page.

For more information on USCIS and its programs, please visit uscis.gov or follow us on Facebook (/uscis), Twitter (@uscis), YouTube (/ uscis), and the USCIS blog The Beacon. (PR)

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

New Expedition Corporation

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. New Expedition Corporation is proposing to occupy a property to operate a Powered Paragliding. This use is classified as "Amusement, Outdoor" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in San Juan, Marpi on Lot 056 C 116. It is zoned as Rural.

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 19, 2016 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room 2nd Fl., Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

Preliminary Matters

- Call to Order Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of 8/30/2016 meeting minutes Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

Conditional Use Application #2016-3079 (Amendment): Sunleader (Saipan) Company, Ltd. is proposing to amend their Conditional Use Permit No. 2015-3667 to construct an additional fourth and fifth floor levels to their hotel. This use is classified as "Hotel/Motel" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Garapan on Lots 007 D 41 & 007 D 56. It is zoned as Tourist Resort.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3086: New Expedition Corporation is proposing to occupy a property to operate a Powered Paragliding Training Center. This use is classified as "Amusement, Outdoor" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in San Juan, Marpi on Lot 056 C 116. It is zoned as Rural.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3090: Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC. is proposing to utilize two existing structures and construct and utilize two new structures for employee quarters. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot 1821-R2. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial. Conditional Use Application #2016-3091: Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC. is proposing to construct and operate a 3-storey structure for hotel. This

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Conditional Use Application #2016-3092: Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC. is proposing to construct and utilize three 3-storey structures for employee quarters. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Gualo Rai on Lot 094 D 01. It is zoned as Rural.

Communications Old Business

- Zoning Board Decision on Application for Rezone #2016-2299: Joyful Team (CNMI) LLC & Tong Feng Int'I, LLC has requested to rezone Lots 141 E 02 & 141 E 05 in Tanapag from "Village Residential" to "Tourist Resort" zoning district to construct a hotel & resort facility. These lots are located beachside along Santa Remedios Road, north of former Basula Producto, and northwest of the Tanapag cemetery.
- Zoning Board Decision on Applications for Rezone #2016-2597, 2016-2598, & 2016-2599: Billion Ventures (CNMI) Limited has requested to rezone from "Rural" to "Tourist Resort" zoning district the following lots in Marpi: Lots #007 A 02, 007 A 03, 007 A 04, 007 A 05, 007 A 06, 007 A 07, 002 A 02, & 022 A 03 (North of Kensington Hotel, East of Pau Pau Beach Park, and West of Chalan Pale Arnold Road)

Lots #010 A 02, 010 A 17 & 032 A 01 (North of Matanza Drive and East of Chalan Pale Arnold Road).

The applicant wishes to construct and operate a hotel & resort facility.

- **New Business**
- **Executive (Closed) Session** Miscellaneous
 - Other Matters
- Next Meeting Adjourn

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The furor over Kaepernick

ere we go again. Colin Kaepernick, the San Francisco 49ers quarterback, has outraged fans and spurred the fulminations of self-appointed patriots by refusing to stand for the national anthem.

Fresh on the heels of Gabby Douglas, the gymnast who failed during the Rio Olympics to put her hand over her heart when the "Star-Spangled Banner" played, Kaepernick has generated an endless stream of angry, personal attacks on Twitter and elsewhere in which he is accused of displaying an ungrateful, hypocritical disrespect for the United States.

On Monday, for instance, Fox News host Sean Hannity called Kaepernick "a spoiled brat, out-of-touch, super-rich athlete" who "lives in the greatest nation on Earth." And you'll be shocked to hear that on Tuesday, Donald Trump called the quarterback's failure to stand a "terrible thing," adding that "you know, maybe he should find a country that works better for him."

Oh, for goodness' sake. Is it actually possible that 240 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence the message still hasn't sunk in that in this country, unlike some others, citizens are free to express their opinions? Even when the opinions in question are unpopular or unpatriotic or even wrong? And that the rest of us are free to express our agreement or disagreement?

Unlike Douglas, who said her faux pas in Rio was inadvertent, Kaepernick has not apologized — because his refusal to stand for the anthem was no accident. It was a protest — an expression of his view that, as he put it, "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color." Kaepernick's mother is white, and his father is African-American.

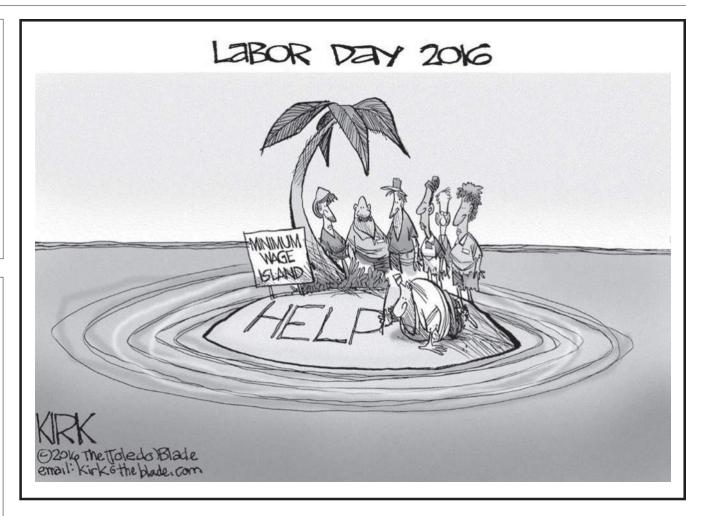
He followed up by saying, "There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder."

Maybe you agree with him. Maybe you believe that police disproportionately shoot young men of color without sufficient justification and that they are too rarely punished for it. Or maybe you disagree and feel that police are asked to put themselves into tough, dangerous situations and deserve the benefit of the doubt.

But either way, he's entitled to his protest. The simple fact is that Americans are not obligated to say the Pledge of Allegiance or to stand for the national anthem or to be grateful that they've been allowed to become wealthy quarterbacks. Americans are entitled to agree with Hannity that this country is the greatest on Earth and therefore above reproach, or to disagree.

And wait a minute, Trump. Aren't you the nominee whose entire candidacy is based on the notion that America is no longer great?

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Disgusted by anti-Catholic rhetoric of campaign

hey told me not to overreact. Read the comments "in context," they said. And, after all, Christine, you're an immigration lawyer; you have a tendency to blow these things out of proportion. Chill, lady. Go say a rosary and call us in the morning.

That's pretty much the reaction I got when I posted Stephen Bannon's comments on Facebook. In case you don't know what comments I'm referring to, let me help you with a few choice tidbits:

This: "I understand why Catholics want as many Hispanics in this country as possible, because the church is dying in this country, right? If it was not for the Hispanics."

And this: "(Paul Ryan) is rubbing his social justice Catholicism in my nose every second."

And this: "That Whore of Babylon stuff, who's to say it's not really true?"

OK, OK, he didn't say the last one. He might have thought it, but he didn't say it. Still, I wouldn't put it past Donald Trump's new campaign chief executive to say something along those lines, and still get thunderous applause from Trump supporters, even Catholic ones.

On my own Facebook page, after posting a link to Bannon's comments, some of my virtual friends fired back about the pedophilia scandal and sanctuary cities, as if there was a direct correlation between Bannon's rather racist implications and the very real problem of weak or fluid borders.

There isn't, my friends. You can legitimately have concerns about the interplay between unemployment, criminal justice, national security and the broken immigration system without plunging deeply into the oozing La Brea Tar Pits of bigotry known as "the national discussion on political pandering."

In fact, I'm all for a real discussion about sanctuary cities, because I generally oppose any system that allows criminals, regardless of their immigration status, to slip through the hands of our police and prosecutors. Call it "sanctuary city," call it "political correctness," call it whatever you want, the safety of those living in this country must trump every other consideration. Every other.

But I won't allow slurs against my faith to be justified by irrelevant and off-point debates about illegal immigration. Bannon basically said my church was in the business of supporting illegal immigration so that it could pad its numbers and add money to the weekly collection plate. He knew exactly what he was doing when he conflated "immigrant" with "Hispanic," puckering up for that high-pitched dog whistle that identifies all "undesirable foreigners" as papists. The man is not only offensive. He's wrong.

While most Mexicans, Central and South Americans and other Latinos self-define as Catholics, a very large minority are evangelical Christians or belong to one of the other Protestant By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS
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who presumably whispers in Trump's ears. And I'm thinking that's because it's an easy thing to slam the Catholic Church these days, which has been living through a rather dark period.

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What? You hadn't noticed? Well let me fill you in. Over the past 15 or so years, my church has been picked apart by jackals in the media and turned into some kind of finishing school for pedophiles. While there is a problem, and it is being addressed, you would think that the Roman collar is similar to a gang tattoo, indicating that the person wearing it is engaged in criminal activity.

I'm sick of it, and I'm used to dealing with that attitude from liberals who never saw a vestibule they didn't want to refurbish as a transgender bathroom. I've dealt with the rants of pro-choice Catholics who've added abortion to the list of sacraments and who see absolutely nothing immoral or evil in allowing "other people" to choose infanticide. Yes, I said infanticide. Sorry if that upsets you. Actually, I'm not.

But as much as I'm repulsed by the left-wing haters, I'm equally disturbed by those on the right who cloak their anti-Catholicism behind this law-and-order rhetoric, this affinity for walls, this sympathy for young, white women from California killed by brown men from Honduras. I'm not saying we should welcome criminal aliens into our midst. I am saying we can't be dishonest and try to lay the blame for that criminality on an organization that exists to do God's work, even where it stumbles mightily.

Bannon is just another example of what I like to call "the backdoor bigots." They don't actually come out and say they hate the church, because even though anti-Catholicism is the last acceptable prejudice, it still doesn't fly in polite company. Instead, then, of actually coming out and calling Mother Teresa the sister of Miss Babylon, they will point to some negative societal influence or occurrence and then deftly tie the church to it.

Liberals of the "they're all pedophiles" ilk, the former Catholics and the "recovering Catholics" and the rest of the motley crew, will point to homophobia and sex abuse (in the case of priests, usually same-sex abuse) and policies that allegedly hurt and disenfranchise women to undermine the good that the church

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Too many schools are still flunking lunch

don't care what kids say — the school lunch lady is not trying to kill them. The federal government is. Well, I have my suspicions, at least. Many of the meals served as part of the National School Lunch Program are high in fat and cholesterol and contain considerably more sodium than fiber. They're a heart attack in the making. I wonder if that's why the American Heart Association has warned us that atherosclerosis — hardening of the arteries — begins in childhood and progresses into adulthood, at which point it can lead to coronary heart disease.

Most schools serve the same artery-clogging slop that was served when I was a student and frozen meals still had to be baked in the oven. How can we expect students to take a health teacher's "healthy eating tips" seriously when the school cafeteria is serving unhealthy foods?

Salisbury steak, pepperoni pizza and chicken nuggets need to go the way of film projectors and hand-crank pencil sharpeners. And fast-food corporations should also be expelled from schools — or at least suspended until they serve more plant-based meals.

As Dr. Neal Barnard, the president of the nonprofit Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, says, "Fresh produce, legumes, whole grains, nuts, and seeds are nutritional powerhouses that study after study has shown to be quite literally lifesaving. ... (D)iets high in animal protein are associated

with a fourfold increase in the chance of dying from cancer or diabetes — making heavy meat and dairy consumption just as dangerous as smoking."

Responsible parents teach their children not to smoke because cigarettes cause cancer and other health problems. For the same reason, they should make sure their kids don't get hooked on hamburgers and other unhealthy foods. Let's put more emphasis on teaching children to eat vegan meals — at school and at home. Kids will gladly eat plant-based meals, such as pasta, veggie burgers and black bean chili, if they're delicious as well as nutritious.

Knowing this, the Coalition for Healthy School Food created the Cool School Food program to develop, test and implement plant-based meals in school cafeterias. The program, which helped two public schools in New York implement the first entirely plant-based school menus in the U.S., aims to make it fun and exciting for young people to try new foods and learn about their health benefits.

Food Is Elementary, another school program that was recently featured in VegNews magazine, is also working to introduce children to plant-based foods, which the kids prepare and eat as part of a curriculum established by the founder of the Food Studies Institute, a New York-based nonprofit that helps school cafeterias incorporate low-fat, high-fiber foods into their menus.

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We need more programs like these. Students are fed up with the unappetizing, inhumane and potentially disease-promoting fare that passes as lunch in many school cafeterias. Last year, students at Theodore Roosevelt High School in Chicago boycotted school lunch in an attempt to persuade officials to serve healthier meals, including more fresh fruit and vegetables.

That's hardly an unreasonable request. The school cafeteria is supposed to be a source of nourishment, not disease. This year's National School Lunch Week, which will be observed in October, aims to remind "parents, students and school officials that a healthy lunch helps students power through the day!"

But how can we expect kids to make it through the day — and learn compassion and empathy — if they're eating unhealthy animal-based foods? We need to teach children that "v" is for vegan and serve them healthy, tasty, cruelty-free plant-based foods that won't cause them to heap scorn on the lunch lady.

50 years on, 'Star Trek' endures

50-year mark Thursday, the series is in impressive shape.

The latest movie — "Star Trek Beyond" — made about \$250 million at the domestic box office and received an 83 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes, which is far better than most of this summer's hideously awful blockbusters. A new series, "Discovery" — No. 7 in the franchise — makes its debut on CBS at the beginning of 2017, seemingly in a serialized fashion where the characters and plotlines change every season, much like "American Horror Story."

s Gene Roddenberry's "Star Trek" boldly passes the

Most impressive, though: It's impossible to name another series from the early days of television that has enjoyed as lasting an influence. From "Star Trek's" own decade, only "The Twilight Zone" (1959-64) comes close. Nothing from the 1970s or even the 1980s matches its longevity in the public imagination.

"Star Trek's" long reign is fraught with complications. "Star Wars" (1977) both overshadowed it and, arguably, led to the series' rebirth by proving that science-fiction franchises have huge box-office potential. "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" — the first of 13 franchise films — appeared in 1979.

In more recent years, newer science-fiction shows have signaled their disillusionment with "Trek's" paradigms. Joss Whedon's short-lived science-fiction western "Firefly" (2002-03) pitched itself as the anti-Star Trek. The show featured a gritty band of heroic outlaws who were often pitted against the depredations of a star-systems-spanning alliance of planets — an anti-utopian version of "Star Trek's" United Federation of Planets, without the aliens.

The argument against "Star Trek" is, usually, that it is simply too clean, ordered and harmonious. In the universe that Roddenberry created, humanity not only overcomes disharmony among races and nations, but with a multitude of alien

species. There are warlike empires out there, but within the Federation's purview there is peace and plenty. Capitalism as we know it no longer exists because technological advances have allowed people to survive without working, money has pretty much been done away with and hunger is no longer a threat.

There's a 1930 essay by John Maynard Keynes, "Economic Possibilities for Our Grandchildren," in which the famous economist frets over what humanity will do with its free time after progress and technology have eliminated "pressing economic cares." "Star Trek" posits that this supposed conundrum won't be much of a problem. We'll be free to pursue our hobbies and interests, which may include touring the galaxy, engaging in scientific discovery and forging enriching alliances with varied alien species.

These days, the internet is full of fascinating dissections of "Star Trek's" political economy, from Vox editor Matt Yglesias' review of the entire series in Slate to Jacobin's Peter Frase, who has a new book titled "Four Futures" that examines possible outcomes for a postcapitalist world. Some of the options are pretty scary, but the one that is explicated using Roddenberry's world is by far the most appealing. In the original essay, Frase writes that "many people are already familiar with the utopia of a post-scarcity communism, because it has been represented in one of our most familiar works of popular culture: 'Star Trek.'"

Needless to say, such a society has never existed on this earth. "Star Trek" bashers disdain it for this very vision of a semi-utopic future where humanity has moved beyond the tribal conflicts and narrow self-interest that have defined much of our history. Too unrealistic, critics say, and lacking even the faux grit of a Han Solo, much less the jaundiced view of institutions (not to mention humanity writ large) on display in "Firefly" or the re-

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booted "Battlestar Galactica" (2004-09).

But that hopeful vision is one of the most appealing aspects of "Star Trek." Science fiction is meant to be speculative. We have plenty of images of what a totalitarian or primitivist or postapocalyptic future would look like. Writers are great at dreaming up ways that everything could get worse. Degradation and woe — and zombies — are the norm when we dream of the future.

In the context of the rote grinding pessimism of our prognostications for the future, sci-fi and otherwise, what could be more interesting to imagine than how humanity would function in the post-economics world that intellectuals from Marx to Keynes to the average stoned undergraduate have fantasized about?

Roddenberry forged the original Star Trek in the mid-1960s, the era of the Great Society and the heights of the postwar economic boom. It was an entirely different world, where few could imagine the depredations the 1970s would bring. Humanity was reaching the moon, the economies of developed nations seemed to be on an ever-expanding trajectory, and real progress was being made in advancing the welfare state and in addressing the quintessential American problem of racial segregation and oppression.

In that context, it perhaps didn't seem so far-fetched that the Enterprise could be helmed by a black woman, an Asian man, a Russian (testament to an imagined amiable end to the Cold War) and an alien with pointed ears.

Today the outlook is much different. The future political economy Keynes dreamed of hasn't arrived. We aren't working less, wages have stagnated for decades, the American middle class is shrinking, the social safety net is fraying, and racial segregation is very much still with us.

All that would seem to indicate that the naysayers are onto something. Humanity will never live up to "Star Trek." Perhaps that is right. But perhaps we can also have both, and perhaps we shouldn't be so quick to disregard utopianism.

It's far better to have, or at least imagine, a better option rather than just surrender to the cynicism and despair that have so dramatically narrowed our vision of what is possible.

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has done and will continue to do. The greatest private social network of charity across the nation is supported by the Roman Catholic church, including schools, hospitals, women's shelters, crisis pregnancy clinics, orphanages and a host of other institutions that exist to be "their brother's keeper." But for the left, this pales in comparison with the fact that this church stands in the way of social engineering, which upsets their secular apple cart (and we all know what happens when you mess around with apples).

But the brother and sisters on the right are equally adept at their delegitimization tactics, and Bannon is Exhibit A. It's inge-

nious, really. Take someone who is already persona non grata in society, a Catholic. Conflate him with someone who is even less desirable, an immigrant. Push it a little further, and make that immigrant "illegal." Add water, stir, and you have the perfect souffle of blame.

People who think the church is a den of pedophiles and hates women will likely vote for Hillary in the fall. On the other hand, people who think the church hides criminal aliens behind the altar will gravitate toward Trump.

Once again, I'm reminded why I'm disgusted by both sides. And once again, I'm reminded why Al Smith lost that presidential race, and JFK needed to assure the Houston pastors that he wasn't in the pope's pocket. The times, they're not a-changing.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN





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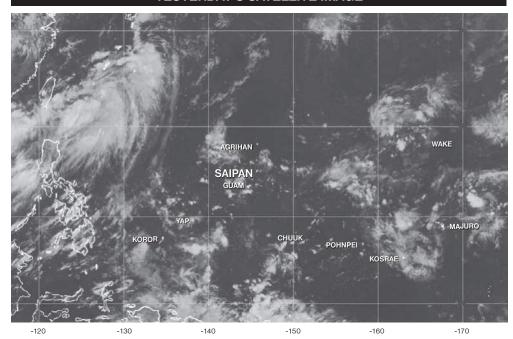
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180

The weak surface trough that passed through the area caused a few showers and thunderstorms this afternoon which should linger through part of the evening. GFS, GFS ensemble, ECMWF and NAVGEM all show east to northeast winds will prevail across the Marianas tonight. Models show another surface trough moving in from the east and winds will be northeast Tuesday and Tuesday night ahead of this trough. This may cause a few clouds...isolated showers and thunderstorms. The trough remains near the local area through Friday. Models show at least one circulation forming on this trough and being located near the Marianas Wednesday through at least Friday. Models vary on the location of the circulation and keep it weak. The best that can be said for the wind for Wednesday is light and variable.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Honolulu	Mostly sunny	73 / 83 °F
London	Partly cloudy	63 / 79 °F
Los Angeles	Morning clouds	61 / 78 °F
Manila	Mostly cloudy	80 / 91 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	49 / 67 °F
Miami	Partly sunny	80 / 86 °F
New York	Morning clouds	70 / 83 °F
Osaka	Mostly cloudy	76 / 91 °F
Paris	Decreasing cloudiness	64 / 78 °F
Pusan	High level clouds	75 / 86 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	67 / 86 °F
Salem	Rain	55 / 68 °F
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2016 MINA Green Gala

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Northern Marianas College's Floyd Masga poses with tablemates during MINA's 2016 Green Gala.



MINA board member Ron Smith poses with his wife during MINA's 2016 Green Gala.



DJ Davey G. was among the performers during MINA's 2016 Green Gala.



Miss Marianas 2016 Peachy Quitugua, Miss Marianas Teen 2016 Palanga Taimanao, and Farah Younis pose for a picture during MINA's 2016 Green Gala.



Guam's Chris Boomer made a special appearance by playing the guitar and singing a few songs during MINA's 2016 Green Gala.



Brooke Nevitt, lead Ranger of American Memorial Park, poses for a picture during MINA's 2016 Green Gala.



Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts director Jenny Hegland poses for a picture with AmeriCorps volunteer and CARE program coordinator Gezina Santos.





The Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa was packed during MINA's 2016 Green Gala.

Business

Dreams of wealth, fears of problems as Guyana finds oil

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP)—Sleepy Guyana has long been one of the hemisphere's poorest places, a sparsely populated nation on South America's northern shoulder that relies heavily on exports of sugar, rice and gold.

But these days, there's a surge of excitement about an anticipated windfall from major oil-and-gas deposits found in the deep seabed 120 miles (193 kilometers) off the coast—as well as worries about the disruptions and conflicts it might bring.

Hopes are high that fuel siphoned in a few years' time from more three miles (more than 5 kilometers) below the sea's surface might be an antidote to entrenched poverty and underdevelopment in the country of 750,000 people.

"We will have billions in foreign reserves and our population is going to swell big time," miner Cosmos Santo said from a park bench in the seaside capital of narrow streets and mostly low-rise, wooden buildings.

The U.S. Geological Survey had long estimated that offshore Guyana was rich in gas and oil. Now U.S.-based ExxonMobil has announced a "world-class oil discovery" off Guyana after drilling a well that struck oil-bearing sandstone with an estimated 800 million to 1.4 billion oil



equivalent barrels.

Exxon and partner Hess Corp. haven't vet announced development or investment plans, which could be complicated by low current oil prices and a dispute with neighboring Venezuela.

But Guyanese authorities are racing to set up rules and plans to administer the hopedfor new industry while avoiding what is known as the "resource curse." In places like Congo and Nigeria, oil or mineral wealth has fueled conflict instead of development.

Guyana only has to look at Venezuela next door to see what can go haywire with an oil-dependent state. South

America's biggest energy producer has been in economic freefall since the 2014 crash in prices for the oil that funds nearly all the spending of its socialist government.

presidential Guyana's spokesman, Mark Archer, said the administration is determined to avoid the mistakes of Venezuela and other energyrich nations that have run into hard times.

"The plan is not to spend wildly like a drunken sailor but to put in a wealth fund for future generations and ensure we do not neglect agriculture," Archer said.

Norway and the U.S. Energy Department are advising People walk near the central bank in Georgetown, Guyana, where the discovery of major oil and gas deposits offshore in the Atlantic have ignited hope that one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere will undergo an economic transformation.

capital to northeastern Brazil, opening up Guyana's rugged, mineral-rich interior. Households would get free cooking gas and cheap gasoline.

Guyana's small military would get new aircraft to protect the offshore fields and borders, to provide some "comfort to Exxon and other investors," Archer said.

"We must be able to protect our investment," he said.

Protection may be necessary because the offshore discoveries have reignited a decades-old territorial dispute between Guyana and far-larger Venezuela.

Venezuela has for decades claimed two-thirds of Guy-

ana's territory as its own, arguing that the gold-rich region west of the Essequibo River—and the resulting maritime zone where Exxon's find lies—was stolen from it by an 1899 agreement with Britain and its then-colony.

Venezuela's navy briefly detained a ship carrying five American oil workers in 2013. They were conducting a seismic survey under a Guyana concession at the time.

Guyana says it wants the International Court of Justice to settle the border dispute with Venezuela, though the case has not yet reached the court.

Diego Moya-Ocampos, analyst with the London-based consulting firm IHS Global Insight, said he believes Venezuela's claim of sovereignty will pose a "major complication" to recovering oil and minerals.

Venezuela's government could opt to ban companies operating in Guyana from working in Venezuela's vast oil fields, he said.

Economic summit opens amid sluggish growth, trade

HANGZHOU, China (AP)—The American and Chinese presidents are calling on major economies to defend free trade at a summit held as sluggish growth and disputes over steel and other imports fuel demands in the United States and Europe to protect local industry.

Opening the Group of 20 meeting, Chinese President Xi Jinping appealed Sunday for governments to resist pressure to raise trade barriers. At the same time, a European leader highlighted the conflicts looming over the summit by calling for action on China's bloated steel industry.

China made trade a theme of the gathering in this lakeside city southwest of Shanghai even as it faces complaints a flood of low-cost steel exports are threatening U.S. and European jobs, fueling demands for trade curbs.

"We should build an open world economy," Xi said before an audience that included U.S. President Barack Obama, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister Theresa May and leaders from Japan, South Korea, India and other governments.

Governments should "avoid taking new protectionist measures" and "take effective action to promote trade growth," Xi said.

Xi called for innovation to spur growth and reforms to global financial and economic management. He appealed for cooperation in taxes and fighting corruption, and for measures to "improve the ability of the world economy to resist risks."

China hopes its status as this year's G-20 leader will increase its influence in global economic management. Chinese officials want the G-20, created to respond to the 2008 financial crisis, to take on a longer-term regulatory role.

Other leaders have called for "inclusive growth"—a reference to efforts to spread the benefits of closer global integration to millions of people who have been left behind by wrenching change.

Obama stressed that theme at a separate news conference with May.

"We must all work together to spur economic growth, to boost free trade and build a fairer economy that truly works for all," said Obama.

Also Sunday, the president of the European Union's governing body, the European Commission, called for action on China's bloated steel industry.

The G-20 meeting "must urgently find a solution" to excess steel production, said Jean-Claude Juncker. He called on Beijing to accept a monitoring mechanism for overproduction that Beijing's trading partners blame for low prices and job losses.

China, the world's biggest steel producer, has committed to reducing its production capacity by 100 to 150 million tons by 2020, a pledge Xi repeated Saturday.

"Free trade must be fair trade," Juncker said at a news conference with Donald Tusk, president of the European Council.

Another prominent issue at the summit is G-20 member Britain's June vote to leave the 28-nation EU, seen by some analysts as the first in a wave of moves by other nations to retreat from free trade.

Some of the hoped-for riches would go toward building a 350-mile (565-kilometer) jungle road from the

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Periodically, all employ-

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A: Given the constant in-

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To some degree, failing to

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framework for the industry,

Natural Resources Minister

Raphael Trotman says.

Partially deaf worker doesn't want to miss a beat Q: Despite repeatedly being told that I'm a valuable

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE

McClatchy-Tribune News Service spect. Because of a serious hearing loss, I wear hearing

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be helpful, the reality is that everyone gets caught up in their own concerns. But since management has previously been responsive to your needs, I hope you can believe that they really do care.

Since your immediate boss may have little to do with company-wide meetings, consider having a talk with your human resources manager. Instead of complaining, explain your dilemma and suggest a reasonable solution.

For example: "I appreciate everything that's been done to accommodate my hearing loss, but I do have one additional problem. In management meetings, I have difficulty understanding the speakers when they walk away from the podium. Would it be possible to provide a microphone and ask them to repeat the questions?"

The HR manager should be glad to grant this simple request. But since the executives may still forget, be prepared to politely remind them to use the mic and repeat audience comments. Other attendees are quite likely to back you up, because wandering speakers can be hard for everyone to hear.

Q: When I informed management that I was planning to take another job, they asked me to give three months notice. I'm afraid this might put my new position in jeopardy, but I've worked here for many years and don't want to seem disrespectful. What should I do?

A: Your employer is being completely unrealistic, not to mention extremely selfish Expecting you to put a new job on hold for three months is utterly ridiculous.

Since I know nothing about your work, I can't recommend a specific notice period. But unless a job is very complex, two weeks is standard, and three weeks is generous. Had you met with some unfortunate circumstance, these people would have learned to manage without you. And since you're leaving, that's what they will need to do now. SAIPAN TRIBUNE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 **15**

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Hermine spins away from East Coast, batters shore with waves

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Hermine spun away from the East Coast on Sunday, removing the threat of heavy rain but maintaining enough power to whip up dangerous waves and rip currents and keep beaches off-limits to disappointed swimmers and surfers during the Labor Day weekend.

As it churned hundreds of miles off shore in the Atlantic Ocean, the system picked up strength, and forecasters said it could regain hurricane force later as it travels up the coast. It was expected to stall over the water before weakening again to a tropical storm by Tuesday.

"It's just going to meander for a few days," said Dennis Feltgen of the National Hurricane Center, explaining that Hermine was unlikely to make landfall again but was positioned to batter the coast with wind and waves.

Governors all along the Eastern Seaboard announced emergency Tropical storm watches and warnings were in effect from Virginia to Massachusetts, with special concern focused on New Jersey and Delaware, where Rehoboth Beach could experience gusts up to 50 mph and life-threatening storm surges during high tide late Sunday and into Monday.

On the Virginia Beach boardwalk, the Atlantic Ocean roared with uncharacteristically large waves, drawing only a couple of surfers into the choppy white water. But hundreds, if not thousands of people, had descended onto the beach for the traditional last weekend of summer. Umbrellas and canopies dotted the sand under partly sunny skies.

Hermine failed to stop Barb and Don Willis of Buffalo, New York, from enjoying the trip they booked months ago. They even braved the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel on



Beachgoers walk away from big waves and rough surf caused by Hermine, Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016, in Bradley Beach, N.J. No swimming was allowed because of the passing storm.

Saturday as the wind whipped their car and the bay rose close

to the bridge's bottom. "That was so scary," Barb Willis said. "Oh, my God. My hands were white knuckles, and the water was so high. It was horrible," she said.

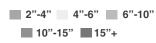
The couple, both in their 60s, said they knew the storm friends texted their concerns.

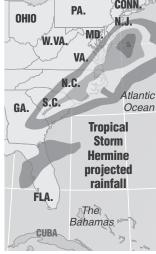
Tropical storm-force winds were possible Monday in New Jersey. Gov. Chris Christie warned that minor to moderate flooding was still likely in coastal areas and said the storm will cause major problems, even as it tracks away from land

"Don't be lulled by the nice summer getaway known as

Projected rainfall

Projected rainfall from Tropical Storm Hermine, through 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 5





weather," Christie said, referring to the bright sunny skies along the Jersey Shore on Sunday. "Don't think that nothing is going to happen, because something is going to happen."

New York City planned to close its beaches Monday because of rip currents, and the ban could extend into Tuesday, depending on weather conditions, officials said.

Long Island authorities urged people to evacuate the

Fire Island to avoid any storm surge and coastal flooding. Emergency officials warned that anyone who stays will not be able to leave after ferries shut down Sunday evening.

Hermine (her-MEEN) rose up over the Gulf of Mexico and hit Florida on Friday as a Category 1 hurricane before weakening to a tropical storm across Georgia.

It has caused two deaths, inflicted widespread property damage and knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of people from Florida to Virginia.

The Anclote River northwest of Tampa was forecast to go well into major flood stage on Sunday afternoon. Emergency managers issued mandatory evacuations for some low-lying mobile home parks and apartment buildings.

At 11 p.m. Sunday, Hermine's top sustained winds were steady at 70 mph (110 kph) as it moved north-northeast at 3 mph (6 kph). The storm was centered about 325 miles (525 km) southeast of the eastern tip of Long Island, New York.

Since sea levels have risen up to a foot due to global warming, the storm surges pushed by Hermine could be even more damaging, climate scientists say.

ACROSS THE NATION

Family remembers boy killed by alligator at **Disney World**

OMAHA, **Neb.** (AP)—The parents of the toddler who was killed by an alligator at Walt Disney World in Florida say they will always remember their sweet little boy. Melissa and Matt Graves spoke to a group of several hundred people gathered at a high school football stadium Saturday to remember Lane Graves on what would have been his third birthday, The *Omaha* World-Herald reported. Lane died June 14 after an alligator pulled him into a lagoon at Disney's upscale Grand Floridian Resort. He was gathering sand for a sand castle when the alligator bit his head. The final report on his death said the boy died from a crushing bite and drowning and that his dad reached into the alligator's mouth to try to save the boy.

California jail reviews security after unarmed officers shot

FRESNO, Calif. (AP)—A central California jail was examining security measures after an ex-convict shot and wounded two unarmed officers in the lobby, but officials said Sunday that they did not plan any immediate changes. After reviewing Saturday's shooting that left correctional Officers Juanita Davila and Toamalama Scanlan in critical condition, authorities will decide whether to alter procedures in the public area of the Fresno County jail, sheriff's

spokesman Tony Botti said. Unarmed officers guard the facility and visitors go through metal detectors leading to secure areas, Botti said. Visiting hours resumed Sunday evening when the jail lobby reopened. Thong Vang, 37, is accused of shooting the officers in the head and neck areas during a struggle and has been booked into jail on suspicion of attempted murder, possessing a handgun as a felon and bringing drugs into a jail. He was placed on a parole hold, Botti said.

U. of Missouri defends study that led to beagles' deaths

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)-The University of Missouri is defending its research practices after a national pet-adoption group publicly decried an experiment that led to six female beagles being euthanized. The California-based Beagle Freedom Project, which is suing the university system over \$82,000 in fees it says it is being charged for an openrecords request, said it learned of the dogs' deaths after happening upon a published study about treatment for damaged corneas. As detailed in April in the Journal of Veterinary Ophthalmology, the study said roughly 1-year-old beagles had their left eyes intentionally damaged while they were anesthetized. Half of the animals then were given a topical acid treatment to determine if that healed the eye damage; it didn't, and the dogs eventually were put to death.

would blow over, even as Crowdfunded classrooms: Teachers increasingly solicit online

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Paper? Pencils? Laptops? Robots? Teachers are increasingly relying on crowdfunding efforts to stock their classrooms with both the mundane and sometimes big-ticket items.

Contributions to education campaigns have climbed on GoFundMe and DonorsChoose, collectively, from just more than \$31.2 million in 2010 to nearly \$140 million in 2015, the doit-yourself fundraising sites report. Both sites are on pace to eclipse that in 2016.

GoFundMe has collected \$58 million in just the pal, she said, but there is just meet her classroom needs,

last 12 months, and DonorsChoose saw more than 50,000 campaigns live on the site for the first time this back-to-school season.

In her first year as an elementary school teacher in Kingman, Arizona, Shannon Raftery raised \$340 through crowdfunding to supplement the money she took out of each paycheck to pay for classroom supplies. Now in Philadelphia, she's looking to raise \$500 for her new kindergarten classroom at Roosevelt Elementary School.

She has a supportive princi-

not enough money in the notoriously cash-strapped Philadelphia district to equip her classroom the way she'd like.

In her case, reality is a \$200 budget allocated to cover 25 students in a school where at least 40 percent of students live in poverty. She has spent that even before the start of classes after Labor Day.

"I'd rather spend my own money than have my kids go without something," she said. "Every dollar helps."

But even as Raftery plans to continue pulling \$100 to \$150 from each paycheck to she said, she knows it won't be enough. She has bought cleaning supplies, bulletin board paper, and peach and sky blue paint to cover her stark white walls. She hopes to add to seating with beach chairs and bean bags.

"I don't want a cold environment to ruin a kid's first impression of school," Raftery said.

Donors can scroll through all education campaigns listed on the sites, resulting in millions of dollars' worth of supplies and equipment infused into both high-poverty schools and more affluent districts

Journalist recounts years as Syrian prisoner in documentary

BOSTON (AP)—In 2012, freelance journalist Theo Padnos slipped into Syria to cover its unfolding civil war and was promptly kidnapped by members of an al-Qaida branch.

Convinced he was a CIA agent because he spoke Arabic, the group held the Massachusetts native for nearly two years before releasing him in August 2014.

Now, Padnos is retracing his journey in "Theo Who Lived," a documentary being screened Sept. 30 in Cambridge. Its

theatrical premiere is in New York City on Oct. 7, followed by a wider release.

Padnos, 47, who has been living in Paris and Vermont, tells the Associated Press he's grateful to have survived.

The ordeal not only changed his outlook on life but also gave him perspective on the Syrian conflict that he feels is important to share.

Padnos is working on a nonfiction book, a play and a novel drawing on his experience. He wrote about his

captivity for the New York Times Magazine shortly after his release and is trying to continue writing about the region as a journalist.

"I had a real spiritual voyage, which was terrifying for me and my family at the time," Padnos said from his family's vacation home in Vermont. "But looking back, this is what life gave me and I'd like to take what I learned and turn it into some positive benefit."

The film follows Padnos as

he returns to places in Turkey and Israel that figured prominently in his 22-month capture. The film crew never set foot in Syria. Padnos reflects on his captivity on sets emulating his tiny prison cell and the room he was subjected to torture and beatings.

Along the Turkey-Syria border, he recalls the moment when his travelling companions instruct him to dash across the field and hop the razor wire fence separating them from Syria.

Asia

Giant panda is no longer endangered, experts say

BEIJING (AP)—The giant panda, one of the symbols of China, is off the endangered list thanks to aggressive conservation efforts.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature said in a report released Sunday that the panda is now classified as a "vulnerable" instead of "endangered" species, reflecting its growing numbers in the wild in southern China. It said the wild panda population jumped to 1,864 in 2014 from 1,596 in 2014, the result of work by Chinese agencies to enforce poaching bans and expand forest reserves.

The IUCN report warned that although better forest protection has helped increase panda numbers, climate change is predicted to eliminate more than 35 percent of its natural bamboo habitat in the next 80 years, potentially leading to another decline.

Still, animal groups hailed the recovery of the bamboogobbling, black-and-white bear that has long been a symbol of China and the global conservation movement.

The panda population reached an estimated low of less than 1,000 in the 1980s due to poaching and deforestation until Beijing threw its full weight behind preserving the animal, which has been sent to zoos around the world as a gesture of Chinese diplomatic goodwill.

The Chinese government and the World Wildlife Fund first established the Wolong National Nature Reserve in Si-



The one year old female giant panda cub Nuan Nuan, top, plays with her mother Liang Liang, formerly known as Feng Yi, a female giant panda from China, at the Giant Panda Conservation Center during Liang Liang's 10th birthday celebration at the National Zoo in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016.

chuan Province in 1980. Wild panda numbers have slowly rebounded as China cracked down on the skin trade and gradually expanded its protected forest areas to now cover 1.4 million hectares (5,400 square miles).

International groups and Chinese government have worked to save wild pandas and breed them at enormous cost, attracting criticism that money could be better spent saving other animals facing extinction.

But the WWF, whose logo has been a panda since 1961, celebrated the panda's re-classification, saying it proved that aggressive investment does pay off "when science, political will and engagement of local communities come together."

China's State Forestry Administration did not immediately respond to a request for

Obama, Putin meet in China amid struggle for Syria deal

HANGZHOU,

(AP)—The United States and Russia struggled Monday to keep alive negotiations to end the bloodshed between U.S.backed rebels and Syria's Russian-aligned regime. Even as top diplomats vowed to keep trying, President Barack Obama expressed skepticism that an unlikely alliance between rivals would vield the breakthrough needed to end the 5-year-old civil war.

Still, as Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin attended an economic summit, the leaders were under pressure to push the negotiations beyond the sticking points that have thus far prevented a deal. White House spokesman Ned Price said Obama and Putin were huddling on the sidelines of the Group of 20 economic summit, with details of their informal meeting expected to be released later Monday.

A second day of talks in China between Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, ended Monday without a deal to announce. The two diplomats met for an hour but emerged still at odds on certain issues, said a senior State Department official, who wasn't authorized to discuss the talks by name and requested anonymity.

The talks culminated a several weeks of searching for a cease-fire between Syrian President Bashar Assad's government and moderate rebels that would expand access for hundreds of thousands of civilians caught in the crossfire. The strategy has hinged on an unlikely U.S.-Russian militarily partnership against extrem-

But beyond the Islamic State group and al-Qaida, the two powers have conflicting views about who fits in that category as well as a deep and mutual distrust that the other party will hold up its end of the bargain.

"We're not there yet,"

Obama's wariness was less apparent among his State Department negotiators, who had been so hopeful a deal could come together while world leaders gathered in China that they scheduled a press conference and announced plans to brief reporters on the pact. Those plans deflated throughout the day, as both the briefing and the press conference were canceled. After an aide scrambled to remove the podium once intended for his bargaining partner, Kerry eventually announced there was no deal—standing alone.

"I've said all along we're not going to rush," said Kerry, who has negotiated several failed truces with Russia in recent months.

Kerry said the two sides had

ist groups operating in Syria.

Obama told reporters Sunday. "It's premature for us to say that there is a clear path forward, but there is the possibility at least for us to make some progress on that front."

three ballistic missiles off its east coast Monday, South Korea's military said, in a show of force timed to the G-20 economic summit in China. North Korea regularly engages in missile and rocket tests, especially when international attention is turned to Northeast Asia. World leaders are gathering for the G-20 summit of advanced and emerging economies in the city of Hangzhou in eastern

worked through many technical issues but said the U.S. didn't want to enter into an illegitimate agreement. In recent days, the State Department has said it only wants a nationwide cease-fire between Assad's military and the rebels, and not another "cessation of hostilities" that is timelimited and only stops fighting in some cities and regions.

China. Beijing is the North's only major ally, but ties between the neighbors have frayed amid a string of nuclear and missile tests and what many outsiders see as other provocations in recent years.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the three missiles, launched from the western North Korean town of Hwangju, flew across the country before splashing in the waters off its east coast, but officials did not describe the range of the missiles.

Before the firing, on Monday on the sidelines of the G-20 summit, South Korean President Park Geun-hye criticized the North for what she called provocations that are hurting Seoul-Beijing ties.

The launch comes four days before the 68th anniversary of the founding of North Korea's government, and days after South Korean and U.S. troops ended annual joint summertime military drills, which North Korea regularly describes as a dress rehearsal for invasion.

Last month, worries about the North's weapons programs deepened after a missile from a North Korean submarine flew about 500 kilometers (310 miles), the longest distance achieved by the North for such a weapon.

The U.N. Security Council in late August strongly condemned four North Korean ballistic missile launches in July and August. It called them "grave violations" of a ban on all ballistic missile activity.

Philippines says 3 people being sought for deadly blast

MANILA, **Philippines** (AP)—Security forces are searching for three "persons of interest" suspected to be behind last week's powerful blast that killed 14 people and injured 67 at a busy night market in the southern Philippine city of Davao, police said Monday.

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(AP)—North Korea fired

Korea

Police have artist sketches of the three people being sought, including a man who left a backpack containing the powerful improvised bomb before it exploded on Friday,

said the national police chief, Ronald dela Rosa. The other two being sought are women.

Abu Sayyaf Muslim militants claimed responsibility for the blast, but dela Rosa said officials were not discounting the possibility that it could be the handiwork of drug traffickers or drug lords in collusion with the militants.

According to witnesses, the man who left the backpack at the open-air market hurriedly walked away from the scene, pretending not to hear those calling his attention, said the regional police chief, Chief Superintendent Manuel R. Gaerlan. A few seconds later, the bomb went off, he said.

Davao Mayor Duterte has offered a 2 million peso (\$42,900) reward for the perpetrators' arrest. She said the heads of the police and military in the city would be replaced for failing to avert the bombing.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte declared a nationwide "state of lawlessness"

Saturday after the blast in his hometown, where he was the longtime mayor. The current mayor is his daughter.

The president said his declaration did not amount to an imposition of martial law. It allows troops to be deployed in urban centers to back up the police in setting up checkpoints and increasing patrols, he said.

Duterte is pushing ahead with a trip to Laos this week for a summit of Asian leaders. He's also expected to meet with President Barack Obama.

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World

Mother Teresa: 'Saint of the gutters' canonized at Vatican

VATICAN CITY (AP)— Elevating the "saint of the gutters" to one of the Catholic Church's highest honors, Pope Francis on Sunday praised Mother Teresa for her radical dedication to society's outcasts and her courage in shaming world leaders for the "crimes of poverty they themselves created."

An estimated 120,000 people filled St. Peter's Square for the canonization ceremony, less than half the number who turned out for her 2003 beatification. It was nevertheless the highlight of Francis' Holy Year of Mercy and quite possibly one of the defining moments of his mercy-focused papacy.

Francis has been dedicated to ministering to society's most marginal, from prostitutes to prisoners, refugees to the homeless. In that way, while the canonization of "St. Teresa of Kolkata" was a cele-

bration of her life and work, it was also something of an affirmation of Francis' own papal priorities, which have earned him praise and criticism alike.

"Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer," Francis said in his homily.

Born Agnes Gonxhe Bojaxhiu on Aug. 26, 1910, Teresa came to India in 1929 as a sister of the Loreto order. In 1946, she received what she described as a "call within a call" to found a new order dedicated to caring for the most unloved and unwanted, the "poorest of the poor" in the slums of her adopted city, Kolkata.

The Missionaries of Charity order went on to become one of the most well-known in the world, with more than 4,000 sisters in their trademark bluetrimmed white saris doing as Teresa instructed: "small



Significant events in the life of Mother Teresa

With Sunday's canonization of Mother Teresa, Pope Francis honored the tiny nun who cared for the "poorest of the poor" as the epitome of his call for mercy. Here are some significant dates in the life of the Catholic Church's newest saint:

1910: Agnes Gonxe Bojaxhiu is born on Aug. 26 in Skopje, in what is now Macedonia, the youngest of three children of an Albanian builder.

1928: Becomes a novitiate in Ireland of the Loreto order, which ran mission schools in India, and takes the name Sister Teresa.

1929: Arrives in Kolkata to teach at St. Mary's High School.

1937: Takes final vows and the name Mother Teresa.

1946: Riding a train Sept. 10 to the mountain town of Darjeeling, she receives a "call within a call" from Jesus "to serve him among the poorest of the poor."

1948: Permitted to leave her order and moves to Kolkata's slums to set up her first school.

1950: Missionaries of Charity officially founded on Oct. 7 as a religious congregation.

1952: Opens Nirmal Hriday ("Pure Heart"), a home for the dying, followed next year by her first orphanage.

1962: Wins her first prize for her humanitarian work: the Padma Shri award for "distinguished service." Over the years she uses the

money from such prizes to found dozens of new homes.

1979: Wins the Nobel Peace Prize.

1982: Persuades Israelis and Palestinians to stop shooting long enough to rescue 37 children from a hospital in besieged Beirut.

1983: Has a heart attack while in Rome visiting St. John Paul II.

1985: Awarded Medal of Freedom, the highest U.S. civilian award.

1989: Has a second and nearly fatal attack. Doctors implant pacemaker.

1990: Announces her intention to resign and a conclave of sisters is called to choose a successor. In a secret ballot, Mother Teresa is re-elected with only one dissenting vote—her own—and withdraws request to step down.

1991: Suffers pneumonia in Tijuana, Mexico, leading to congestive heart failure, and is hospitalized in La Jolla, California.

1996: Nov. 16, receives honorary U.S. citizenship.

1997: Dies Sept. 5 in Kolkata and is given a state funeral.

2003: Beatified before a crowd of 300,000 by St. John Paul II in St. Peter's Square.

2015: Is cleared for canonization after Pope Francis declares that the cure of a Brazilian man suffering from brain abscesses was miraculous.

2016: Is declared a saint on Sept. 4.

things with great love."

At the order's Mother House in Kolkata, hundreds of people watched the Mass on TV and clapped with joy when Francis declared her a saint.

They gathered around Teresa's tomb which was decorated with flowers, a single candle and a photo of the wrinkled saint.

"I am so proud to be from Kolkata," said Sanjay Sarkar, a high school student on hand for the celebration. "Mother Teresa belonged to Kolkata, and she has been declared a saint."

For Francis, Teresa put into action his ideal of the church as a "field hospital" for those suffering both material and spiritual poverty, living on the physical and existential peripheries of society.

In his homily, Francis praised her as the merciful saint who defended the lives of the unborn, sick and abandoned, recalling her strong opposition to abortion which often put her at odds with progressives around the world.

"She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity," he said.

Teresa's most famous critic, Christopher Hitchens, has accused her of taking donations from dictators—charges church authorities deny. Francis chose to emphasize her other dealings with the powerful.

"She made her voice heard before the powers of the world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crimes of poverty they themselves created," he said, repeating for emphasis "the crimes of poverty."

Hundreds of Missionaries of Charity sisters had front-row seats at the Mass, alongside 1,500 homeless people and 13 heads of state or government and even royalty: Queen Sofia of Spain. For the homeless, Francis offered a luncheon afterward in the Vatican auditorium, catered by a Neapolitan pizza maker who brought his own ovens for the event.

"Her heart, she gave it to the world," said Charlotte Samba, a 52-year-old mother of three who traveled with a church group from Gabon for the Mass. "Mercy, forgiveness, good works: It is the heart of a mother for the poor."

While big, the crowd attend-

ing the canonization wasn't even half of the 300,000 who turned out for Mother Teresa's 2003 beatification celebrated by an ailing St. John Paul II. The low turnout suggested that financial belt-tightening and security fears in the wake of Islamic extremist attacks

in Europe may have kept pil-

grims away.

Those fears prompted a huge, 3,000-strong law enforcement presence to secure the area around the Vatican and close the airspace above. Many of those security measures have been in place for the duration of the Jubilee year, which officially ends in November.

While Francis is clearly keen to hold Teresa up as a model for her joyful dedication to the poor, he was also recognizing holiness in a nun who lived most of her adult life in spiritual agony, sensing that God had abandoned her.

According to correspondence that came to light after she died in 1997, Teresa experienced what the church calls a "dark night of the soul"—a period of spiritual doubt, despair and loneliness that many of the great mystics ex-

In this Saturday, Nov. 16, 1996 file photo, Mother Teresa holds the resolutions of honorary American citizenship after they were presented to her by American Ambassador to India Frank G. Wisner at the Missionaries of Charity in KolKata, formerly known as Calcutta. India.

perienced. In Teresa's case, it lasted for nearly 50 years—an almost unheard of trial.

For the Rev. Brian Kolodiej-chuk, the Canadian priest who spearheaded Teresa's saint-making campaign, the revelations were further confirmation of Mother Teresa's heroic saintliness. He said that by canonizing her, Francis is recognizing that she not only shared the material poverty of the poor but the spiritual poverty of those who feel "unloved, unwanted, uncared for."

"If I'm going to be a saint, I'm going to be a saint of darkness, and I'll be asking from heaven to be the light of those who are in darkness on Earth," she once wrote.

Francis has never publicly mentioned this "darkness," but he has in many ways modeled his papacy on Teresa and her simple lifestyle and selfless service to the poor: He eschewed the Apostolic Palace for a hotel room, made welcoming migrants and the poor a hallmark and has fiercely denounced today's "throwaway" culture that discards the unborn, the sick and the elderly with ease.

Teresa's Missionaries of Charity went on to become a global order of nuns, priests, brothers and lay co-workers. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and died in 1997. Soon thereafter, John Paul placed her on the fast-track for sainthood.

Francis has confessed that he was somewhat intimidated by Teresa, knowing well she was as tough as she was tender. He quipped during a 2014 visit to Albania that he would never have wanted her as his superior because she was so firm with her sisters.

But on Sunday, he admitted that even he would find it hard to call her "St. Teresa," since her tenderness was so maternal.

"Spontaneously, we will continue to say 'Mother Teresa," he said to applause.

Multiple bomb blasts in different Syrian cities

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Syrian state media is reporting that multiple bomb blasts have struck government and military targets around the country.

State television Monday

morning reported blasts in the coastal city of Tartus, the central city of Homs, the suburbs of the capital Damascus, and the northeastern city of Hassakeh.

Casualty reports were still

coming in. The governor of Homs province says a car bomb struck a military checkpoint in the provincial capital, Homs, killing two soldiers and injuring four

others, one critically.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group also reports a blast in the northeastern city of Qamishli as well.

Focus

espite formidable opposition across the political spectrum, President Barack Obama is using his final months in office to fight for congressional approval of a 12-nation free trade pact called the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Administration officials say Obama would speak about the trade agreement at each stop during his trip to China and Laos.

Back home, presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump bash it and public opinion polls indicate voters are closely divided on the agreement's merits.

A survey conducted by the Pew Research Center estimated that 39 percent of registered voters view TPP as a bad thing for the United States and 37 percent consider it a good thing, hardly the kind of numbers that would inspire Congress to heed the president's call.

Where things stand on the agreement and Obama's effort:

WILL CONGRESS VOTE ON TPP?

It's hard to argue with House Speaker Paul Ryan's assessment that TPP doesn't have the votes to pass. Throw in Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's statement that the Senate would not take up the agreement this year and TPP's prospects look dismal.

Last year, the House barely passed legislation establishing a streamlined process for approving TPP, called "fast-track," but the details of the actual agreement were not made public until November. Since then, about a dozen Republicans who voted for the fast-track process have switched and said they oppose the deal, seemingly eliminating a narrow cushion of support.

That leaves the administration and other TPP supporters with a tough task. The ripest recruiting grounds: 50 GOP lawmakers who voted against fast-track. Many consider themselves free-traders but voted no for separate reasons.

The fight in the Senate could be easier since supporters only need a simple majority for passage rather than the 60 votes usually needed for advancing legislation.

Business groups want to see the agreement approved and used the August recess to lobby



U.S. President Barack Obama, center, chats with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, left, as they and other leaders arrive for a family photo at the Xizi hotel in Hangzhou in eastern China's Zhejiang province, Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016.

Obama makes trade deal top priority in remaining months

lawmakers and their staffs.

Foes of TPP have been heartened by the dire talk from congressional leaders. But many suspect a vote is looming. Witness the fundraising pitch from the politically active nonprofit launched by Sen. Bernie Sanders, a Vermont independent who tells potential donors that "we will have a very, very narrow window" to defeat TPP in the lame-duck session after the elections.

WHAT'S THE PATHWAY FOR PASSAGE?

The top concern of lawmakers is that the protection of clinical testing data for certain drugs made from living organisms, called biologics, falls short of the 12 years required by U.S. law.

TPP requires countries to provide eight years of data protection, and possibly only five if they take other steps.

Led by Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, the Republican chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, lawmakers want the U.S. standards to prevail. The Obama administration will try to work out some language during September and October that satisfy Hatch's concerns, though any insistence that countries accept a baseline closer to the U.S. standard could prompt other nations to walk.

Hatch also insists that participating countries provide the U.S. with roadmaps for how they intend to implement the trade agreement. The Obama administration has sent out negotiators to begin that work.

Eventually, the administration will send draft legislation to Congress with the changes in U.S. law needed to enact the trade deal. Given the political winds, it probably won't happen until after the election.

HOW DOES OBAMA SEAL THE DEAL?

The president's case for TPP emphasizes two points: First, he says it's good for the economy because it eliminates thousands of tariffs that will lower the price for American-made goods and services.

Second, it's good for U.S. national security because it demonstrates America's commitment to being a Pacific power. While the administration has been making both cases from the getgo, the closing argument for TPP increasingly has taken a national security emphasis.

Deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes said TPP is a "litmus test for whether or not the U.S. has staying power in this region."

WILL TPP SURVIVE UNDER NEXT PRESIDENT?

It's not obvious how it could survive, given both candidates say they oppose TPP, but history has shown that opposition during the heat of a campaign can turn to support if the right changes are made.

In his first presidential campaign, Obama said he opposed a free trade agreement with South Korea. He said the agreement didn't do enough to require Korea to open its markets to American-made cars, rice and beef. But nearly three years later, Congress passed a trade agreement with South Korea and Obama called it "a win for both our countries."

Trump has made his opposition to TPP a hall-mark of his campaign. Clinton supported TPP efforts as secretary of state but announced her opposition last October, saying the final agreement failed to meet her test of providing good jobs, raising wages and protecting national security.

Influential advocacy groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Farm Bureau and others will try to find a way to pick up the pieces if TPP doesn't make it this year. They've seen the long, winding road that most trade agreements take.

"The interests will persist regardless of who is in the office," said Scott Miller, a former director for global trade policy at Procter & Gamble, now at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. (AP)



Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW:

By ROBERT DUFFER CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The refreshed 2017 Ford Escape comes with a smarter engine, advanced safety features, and a new(ish) infotainment system.

Escape is Ford's second-best seller, behind the U.S. sales king known as the F-150. It trails the Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4 among crossovers, America's largest segment.

On the outside, the athleticlooking Escape shares the same trapezoidal grille as the redesigned 2015 Ford Edge crossover; the headlights are a bit sharper, the side vents more rectangular, and it's slightly wider.

On the inside the tall ride height and forward visibility — two of the most important things driving buyers to crossovers — are exceptional.

Our loaded test model in top-of-the-line Titanium trim came with the smallest of three available four-cylinder engines. The 1.5-liter Eco-Boost engine is inexplicably less fuel efficient than its 1.6-liter predecessor despite automatic start-stop technology, which shuts off the engine at stops of more than three seconds. It gets the same 23 mpg around town, but drops from 32 mpg on the highway

2017 Ford Escape on mpg. there is little advantage to 1.5-liter as far as we can 1.5-liter as far as we can so we can so we can be so we can so w

There is little advantage to the 1.5-liter as far as we can tell. For an additional \$1,295 the 2-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder provides the most torque in this class, according to Car and Driver, while sacrificing only 1 mpg across the board.

Improved fuel economy is conceivably why a buyer would opt for the smallest engine instead of the punchier 2-liter turbo four or the base 2.5-liter. It gets a respectable 26 mpg combined on paper, but we averaged 24 mpg in mixed driving. Turbocharged engines work against fuel efficiency for lead-footers more so than naturally aspirated engines, but we weren't aware of being overly heavy on the throttle. Perhaps we needed a feather touch.

Ford said the downgrade was due to changes in EPA testing, but we have been unable to corroborate the nature of those changes. Our speculation is that Ford had to revise it as part of its internal fuel economy audit in 2014 that resulted in downgraded mpg figures for its hybrid and subcompact vehicles.



The Mazda CX-5, Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV-4 hybrid all do better.

Handling and steering is spry enough to feel more like a hatchback than a minivan.

On the inside the cabin is snug but the storage space is smart, with clever pockets and depressions to stow everything from a purse in the door to two phones under the center stack. The clunky parking brake has been replaced with an electronic button, the gear shifter has been moved closer to the driver for better access to the climate control buttons, a perfect and obvious blend of buttons and dials.

assist systems, from adaptive cruise control to lane keeping assist, work really well without being obnoxious in their warnings or unclear in their intent. Drivers will know within a few rides what that the car is

doing and why. The biggest technological change happened for the 2016 model, when the much anticipated Sync3 infotainment system replaced the much ballyhooed Sync predecessor.

All the newfangled driver

The eight-inch touch screen is still a reach for drivers who don't like to steer with their teeth, and it's in a deep recess clad on all sides by the hard black molding and softer black dash material of the Titanium trim. It's hooded with a black lid that also has one of those CD player things, and is flanked by vents and underscored by the odd tuner pad and volume dial. We affectionately called it Dark Helmet, the Vadery villain from "Spaceballs."

The home screen button has moved to the top left corner of the screen, and when pressed will turn up a display that splits the screen into half for the map on one side and audio and vehicle info on the other. The display is bright, large, easy to read, and the split quadrants that maligned Sync are no more. Inexplicably, the menu buttons remain on the bottom. If you have nails or short stubby fingers, you'll have to use a thumb.

While there are redundant steering controls for audio functions, Ford misses an opportunity with the vehicle information display in the center of the instrument cluster. It shows trip odometers and vehicle health, as expected, but most automakers are doubling down on the redundant steering controls and info display so you don't even have to use the touch screen. Hyundai, Kia, GM, and FCA have more layered systems that take longer to get used to, but let you keep your hands on the wheel. These infotainment systems are superior to Sync3, as is Mazda's control knob in the center console.

The advantage to Sync3 is the excellent voice commands. You can zoom in and out on the map using voice controls, as well as send and hear text messages via Siri for Apple CarPlay. A quiet cabin provides plenty of fidelity and connectivity without ever needing to reach for the phone.

'94 Suburban Mysterious problem **MOTORING Q&A:**

By PAUL BRAND

STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I've been experiencing a mysterious issue with my 1994 GMC Suburban 350.

On a cold start, the truck is fine. Once the vehicle gets warm, though, the idle drops to near stalling when I am in reverse and take my foot off the gas. Also, if I feather the gas to creep through a parking lot, it chugs and runs rough. If I hit the gas to accelerate, it runs fine. It had a different ailment two years ago that turned out to be the coolant sensor. The TPS, IAC MAP sensor and PCV have been replaced. Any ideas?

A: Your last sentence looks like the tiles from a Scrabble board! If you hadn't mentioned replacing the coolant sensor, I would have suggested it-and still do. The engine is obviously running too rich once warmed up. The increased need for a richer air-fuel mixture when cold masks the symptoms. It might be worth having a scan tool monitor the coolant sensor signal as the engine warms up from cold. Our 1996 Tahoe had a similar issue some years ago. Turns out the coolant sensor provided accurate info up to a certain operating temperature, then sort of "stalled," causing the engine to continue to operate in open loop without oxygen sensor feedback. This may or may not trigger a check engine light on your engine management system.

Other potential suspects include the fuel injector unit and fuel pressure regulator, both located in the throttle body. The fuel pump in the tank delivers roughly 18 pounds per square inch of pressure to the throttle body unit, where the pressure regulator keeps fuel pressure between 9 and 13 psi. Too much fuel pressure reaching the injector unit could cause these symptoms as well. As could low electrical resistance in the injector coils. As could a very sluggish oxygen sensor—slow cross-count rate—that may not be able to keep the airfuel ratio properly trimmed. And, check for a significant vacuum leak to or at the power brake booster.

Q: On my 2007 Hyundai Azera, the check engine light came on for a fuel level sensor P2067 fault. The dealer wants \$750 to \$800 to fix it. My fuel gauge is still working and I set my trip odometer to zero every time I fill up. The dealership turned the light off. **Should I have it fixed?**

A: Has the check-engine light come on again? The P2067 code is set when the signal from the sender is inaccurate for two consecutive driving cycles. Since the fault has apparently not recurred twice in a row and the fuel gauge is working, there is no continuing fault. The issue may have been caused by an intermittent electrical connection in the circuit. Access to the fuel pump assembly, including the fuel level sensor, is through an access panel in the trunk.

As long as you're keeping track of mileage and range, I'd suggest waiting and hoping the fault doesn't recur. By the way, my ALL-DATA database indicates that the fuel level sender can be replaced independently from the pump itself, which would reduce the repair cost dramatically.

Q: Is there something magic about 2,200 rpm? I have noticed for years that nearly every car I have ever driven runs at 2,200 rpm at 60 mph. Four-, sixor eight-cylinder, automatic or manual, gas or diesel; turbocharged or not, they all cruised at 2,200 rpm. The only exception I ever saw was an '88 Acura Integra five-speed that cruised at 3,000 rpm. What's up with this?

A: My 1995 BMW 325i also cruised at 3,000 rpm. Not so much anymore. Our 2007 Impala cruises at well under 1,600 rpm, my 2007 Corvette barely turned 1,500 rpm at 60 mph. Even our VW Passat stays below 2,000 rpm at that speed.

But your point is well taken. Engineers try to coordinate gear ratio, tire size, etc., to allow engines to operate in their most efficient rpm range at cruise speeds. With the combustion efficiency of today's engines, the efficient rpm range is lower than in the past.

NUTS & BOLTS

Overall Sync3 is an improvement but still a disappointment.

2017 Ford Escape Titanium at a glance

- Vehicle type: Com-
- **Base price:** \$23,600 in base S trim
- As tested: \$33,980 (excluding \$895 delivery) ■ Mpg: 23 city, 30 high-
- Engine: 1.5-liter turbo four-cylinder
- Transmission: speed automatic in frontwheel drive

Parting shot: Overall package improves but competitors top Sync3 and EcoBoost

Life & Style

'Finding Oscar' documents 1982 Guatemala massacre, fallout

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GUATEMALA CITY (AP)— Ramiro Osorio still has vivid memories of the day that death came to his village of Las Dos Erres over 30 years ago at the height of Guatemala's

decades-long civil war.

Soldiers massacred more than 200 people at the town in the remote northern region of Peten. The 5-year-old Osorio's life was spared, but he was abducted by a soldier who he says kept him as a slave for years, tortured him and even tried to kill him.

"He always told me that if I thought of running away from the house there was no way, that he could find me even five meters below ground," Osorio said. "I was very afraid."

Now the story of the massacre at Las Dos Erres is being brought to the big screen in "Finding Oscar," a documentary executive-produced by Steven Spielberg that premieres this weekend at the Telluride Film Festival in Colorado.

"Finding Oscar" recounts the events of Dec. 6-7, 1982,

which began when Guatemalan soldiers went to the village looking for weapons that guerrillas had stolen from them. Troops tortured and raped female villagers, interrogated and executed men and, to cover up the abuses, tossed the living and the dead into a well. Years later forensic workers recovered the remains of 162 adults and 67 children.

It also tells the stories of Osorio and Oscar Ramirez, who was 3 years old when he was abducted from Las Dos Erres. The film's title refers to the years-long search by an activist and a prosecutor for Ramirez, who migrated to the United States at age 17. Genetic testing ultimately matched him to his father, who also survived the massacre and has visited him in the United States.

Osorio lived with Santos Lopez Alonzo, the soldier accused of kidnapping him, until he joined the Guatemalan army at age 18. Last month Lopez was deported from the United States, where he had lived since 2001, and charged by Guatemalan prosecutors with in the United States and Cana-



Santos Lopez Alonzo is escorted by Interpol agents after landing at the Air Force base in Guatemala City, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016.

murder, kidnapping of a minor and crimes against humanity. He denies the accusations.

"With the documentary what one hopes is for justice to be done and for what happened in Las Dos Erres to never happen again," Osorio said.

Ramirez and Osorio have been granted political asylum da. They met for the first time last December, 33 years after the massacre.

"Meeting Oscar and knowing what his backstory was, I was completely surprised," filmmaker Ryan Suffern said. "He was nothing (like) what I thought I probably expect from somebody who had experienced that. He's incredibly kind. He's an amazing father, husband, hard worker, and very gracious and a very warm human being."

Suffern added that he found Ramirez's story "a really interesting point of access into a larger conversation on quite a few different issues, issues of not only genocide but U.S. foreign policy ... and immigration."

Reagan administration had direct contact with Guatemala's then-dictator Efrain Rios Montt. A month after the massacre-when the army's atrocities were already known, according to declassified U.S. diplomatic cables the Reagan administration asked Congress for more economic support for the Guatemalan military.

At least 245,000 people were killed or disappeared during Guatemala's 1960-1996 conflict, according to the United Nations. Other Central American nations also went through bloody civil wars and today are suffering from high homicide rates as hyper-violent gangs terrorize large parts of the population.

"We will use this film to educate more people about what happened," said producer Scott Greathead, who is also a lawyer and helped Ramirez normalize his migratory status. "We hope Americans understand why Guatemalans, Hondurans and others are here (in the U.S.), why they come and what they are fleeing."

Don't Breathe' tops box office again over weekend

NEW YORK (AP)—The horror thriller "Don't Breathe" topped the box office for the second straight week, while several new releases struggled to find traction over a typically sleepy Labor Day weekend at North American movie theaters.

The Sony Screen Gems release made an estimated \$15.7 million in its second weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The R-rated "Don't Breathe," about an ill-considered home invasion of a blind man, is on pace to make \$19.4 million over the four-day holiday weekend. Produced for just \$10 million, the film has made \$51.1 million in total.

Its success spelled doom for the other horror film trying to gain a foothold: "Morgan," a low-budget science-fiction thriller directed by Ridley Scott's son, Luke Scott. Opening on more than 2,000 screens, it bombed with just \$2 million.

Also torpedoed was the Robert De Niro-Edgar Ramirez boxing drama "Hands of Stone," about Panamanian boxer Robert Duran. It made just \$1.3 million while expanding to 2,011 theaters, marking the latest in a string of disappointments for the Weinstein Co.

The DreamWorks drama "The Light Between the Oceans," starring Michael



This undated file image released by Sony Pictures shows Jane Levy, left, and Dylan Minnette in a scene from «Dont Breathe.»

"Don't Breathe," \$15.7 million (\$5.3 million international). 'Suicide Squad," \$10 million (\$11.8 million international). "Pete's Dragon," \$6.5 million (\$3.3 million international).

"Kubo and the Two Strings," \$6.5 million (\$1.7 million international).

"Sausage Party," \$5.3 million (\$4.6 million international). 6. "The Light Between Oceans," \$5 million. "Bad Moms," \$4.7 million (\$5 million international). 8. "War Dogs," \$4.7 million (\$3.6 million international). 9. "Hell or High Water," \$4.5 million. 10. "Mechanic: Resurrection," \$4.3 million (\$7.6 million international)

Fassbender and Alicia Vikander, debuted with a modest \$5 million a day after it premiered at the Venice Film Festival. The period film, directed by Derek Cianfrance, stars the real-life couple as newlyweds living at a remote Australian lighthouse. Its budget was about \$20 million.

The poor performing new releases enabled Warner Bros.'

"Suicide Squad" to hold second place at the box office with \$10 million. Despite rough reviews, the supervillain team-up film has shown decent legs in theaters, making nearly \$300 million domestically.

Monday will mark the end of Hollywood's summer. According to comScore, the season will come in almost exactly tied with last year's \$4.5 billion. Despite a rash of underperforming sequels and a number of high-profile disappointments, the overall box office is stable.

Heading into a fall that includes some seemingly surefire blockbusters such as "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," "Doctor Strange" and "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," the 2016 box office is running 5.7 percent ahead of last year.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Tuesday.

'The Birth of a Nation' star, rape survivor faces complex issues LOS ANGELES (AP) — Turner's 1831 slave rebellion,

As a rape survivor, victim's advocate and an actress in "The Birth of a Nation," Gabrielle Union has found herself in an impossible position. Union recently, along with the much of the world, learned that her film's director, writer, producer and star, Nate Parker, was accused and acquitted of rape 17 years ago.

She collected her thoughts in a nuanced opinion piece for the Los Angeles Times Friday, writing that while she cannot take the allegations lightly, the film also addresses and raises important questions about this very matter.

It's also the latest highprofile complication for a film that just a month ago was presumed to be one of the year's most vital —a powerful awards contender and a possible antidote for the #OscarsSoWhite Hollywood diversity crisis.

Yet the film, which fetched a record acquisition price at the Sundance Film Festival in January, is now in the shadow of persistent controversy just weeks away from its Oct. 7 release.

In the film, about Nat

Union's character is raped, though it's not depicted on screen. It's why the actress took the part, she writes. She wanted to give voice to women of history, especially black women, who have for so long been silenced on the matter.

"I knew I could walk out of our movie and speak to the audience about what it feels like to be a survivor," Union wrote.

Union, who was raped at gunpoint in the backroom of a Payless shoe store 24 years ago, says she's been "in a state of stomach-churning confusion" since learning of Parker's 1999 rape case.

The rape allegation came hile Parker was a student and wrestler at Penn State University. Parker was acquitted, though his college roommate Jean Celestin (who co-wrote "The Birth of a Nation) was initially found guilty of sexual assault. That conviction was later overturned when the accuser declined to testify for a trial.

The case garnered a lot of attention at Penn State. Parker and Celestin allegedly harassed the accuser on campus.



Bill Clinton is seen at The Budweiser Made In America Festival on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016, in Philadelphia.

Bill Clinton stops by Philly's Made in America festival

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Bill Clinton has made a surprise appearance at the Made in America festival in Philadelphia.

Clinton stopped by the annual festival on Sunday to register people to vote in the upcoming presidential election.

While he was there, he

took photos and chatted with festivalgoers.

The Budweiser Made in America Festival, now in its fifth year, is a Labor Day tradition in the city.

Seventy artists are performing on multiple stages during the two-day festival, which began on Saturday.

Ex-Playmate Pamela Anderson: 'Porn is for losers'

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Playboy model Pamela Anderson has teamed with a rabbi to speak out against pornography.

An opinion piece by Anderson and Rabbi Shmuley Boteach published by the Wall Street Journal cites the latest sexting scandal involving former Democratic Congressman Anthony Weiner in calling for "an honest dialogue" about the dangers of pornography and "an honor code to tamp it down."

The essay calls pornography "a public hazard of unprecedented seriousness." It closes by saying "porn is for losers" and calls it "a boring wasteful and dead-end outlet for people too lazy to reap the ample rewards of healthy sexuality."

Anderson has appeared on the cover of Playboy 14 times, most recently in December for the magazine's final nude issue.

After hacking, Leslie Jones makes proud return to Twitter

deterred by the hacking of her personal website, Leslie Jones returned to Twitter to pledge that she will "always get back up."

The "Ghostbusters" star had been harassed with racist messages on social media and her website was hacked in late August. She has since stayed quiet but on Saturday night, she began tweeting again, voicing, among other things, her love



On Sunday, she told concerned fans "I'm sooooo OK, really." She added that she "will always be funny."

Jones said that she's been through a lot in her life "and I will always get back up."

In this July 9, 2016 file photo, Leslie Jones arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of "Ghostbusters.



In this Aug. 28, 2016, file photo, Drake, left, presents the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award to Rihanna at the MTV Video Music Awards at Madison Square Garden in New York

Rihanna thanks Drake for 'touching' MTV VMA speech

NEW YORK (AP)—Rihanna is thanking Drake for his tribute to her at MTV's Video Music Awards.

Drake presented Rihanna

Award on Sunday night, saying that he's been in love with her for years and has always looked up to her, even though

with MTV's Video Vanguard

Rihanna responded on Insta-

gram on Friday, telling Drake the speech "was so touching and I love you for that."

Rihanna performed several times on the show. She calls the night one that she'll never forget and says she's "a lucky girl."

Michael Phelps brings back angry face for Jimmy Fallon

Phelps has brought back his famous pre-race scowl for Jimmy Fallon.

Television cameras caught the intense grimace on the swimmer's face at the Rio

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Olympics as he sat with his hood up and headphones on just before a race last month.

> Phelps made the face again during Thursday's "Tonight Show" after Fallon brought out a life-size cutout

of a frowning Phelps.

she's younger than him.

The 23-time gold medalist tells Fallon he was aware the cameras were on him before the race, and he knew his face would become a point of conversation as soon as

he made it.

Phelps has revealed he was listening to Future when he was caught on camera. He introduced the rapper's performance at MTV's Music Video Awards Sunday night.

Husband with sleepy wife wants marriage to wake up

EAR ABBY: I have been married to my soul mate for 25 years. We get along great—she's my best friend and a good mother to our three kids. (She takes care of my mom who lives with us, too.) The only problem is, she loves to sleep.

She will do anything for us except wake up a few hours early without being mad at the world. She gets our kids off to school with no problem, but then returns to bed. I run a small construction company and need someone to answer the phones and do secretary stuff. Our books are a mess, the house is decent, but she won't let me hire a part-time secretary.

She gets up at noon and spends the rest of the day "catching up." It's driving a wedge in our marriage. My friends and their wives do things together on weekends, but not mine. She sleeps until 2 or 3 p.m. on the weekends.

I work a lot of Saturdays, and when I go to customers' homes and see the wife outside gardening, it breaks my heart. I have threatened to leave, and she works on it for a couple days and then falls back into the same old habits. Help!

HURTING HUSBAND IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HUSBAND: Not everyone requires the same amount of sleep in order to function. Some folks may be fine with five hours, but others need eight, nine or even

10. If your wife needs more than that, there may be an underlying problem of some kind that she should discuss with her doctor.

In marriage there needs to be compromise. If you are experiencing stress because you don't have enough help in your business, then you need to hire someone because your wife is already doing all she can taking care of three kids and your mother. And you shouldn't need her permission.

DEAR ABBY: At a pool party recently, I complimented another woman on her "good figure" (she was wearing a bikini and looked great in it), but I was told later by a different woman who had been there how "hurtful" my compliment had been to everyone else present because I complimented only the bikiniwearing woman. I felt coerced into apologizing to the second woman for not offering a compliment of some kind to everyone else at the party -- which seems artificial and unnecessary (actually stupid) to me.

The woman looking for the apology left me feeling steamed, and now I'm thinking that maybe I apologized for something I didn't need to. Is it true that you shouldn't compliment one person if you can't manage to do the same for everyone else

POOL PARTY COMPLIMENT

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR P.P.C.: No, it's not. I have never heard of that rule of etiquette. Following her logic, you would be compelled to compliment every male at an event if you told one that the tie or shirt he was wearing was nice. I suspect the woman was less hurt than jealous, and I doubt the other women at the pool party were paying much attention to what you said.

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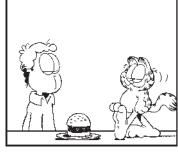


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By Dave Green

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Nadal falters late, falls to Pouille in fourth round



YORK (AP)—Rafael Nadal

kept making a stand, kept coming back, kept showing he would not depart quietly from this U.S. Open. Facing a much younger, muchless-accomplished opponent, Nadal twice erased a set deficit. Then he staved off a trio of match points.

And then, more than 4 hours into the toughest test he's put his left wrist through since returning from injury, Nadal faltered. He missed a short forehand, pushing it into the net. Nadal knew what he'd done and covered his eyes with both hands. One point later, the match was over.

Nadal was upset in the U.S. Open's fourth round by 24th-seeded Lucas Pouille of France 6-1, 2-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (6) on Sunday, prolonging the 14-time Grand Slam title winner's quarterfinal drought at major tournaments.

"There were things I could do better. Had the right attitude. I (fought) right up to the last ball," said the No. 4-seeded Nadal, a two-time champion at Flushing Meadows. "But I need something else. I need something more that was not there today."

He breezed through his opening three matches at the hardcourt tournament, dropping only 20 games. But Pouille, a 22-year-old with flashy strokes, presented a much greater challenge in the fourth round, pushing Nadal to the limit through entertaining, tense-and intense—exchanges.

"Every point was great," Pouille said. This was Pouille's third career victory in a five-setter; all have come in his past three matches.



Rafael Nadal of Spain struggles to maintain his footing during play against Lucas Pouille of France in the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016, in New York.

Since losing in last year's French Open quarterfinals, Nadal has failed to make it beyond the fourth round at a major. And after winning at least one Grand Slam title each year for a decade, he's now gone two full seasons without one.

In 2016, he lost in the first round of the Australian Open. Then he pulled out of the French Open before his thirdround match because of a torn tendon sheath in his left wrist, an injury that forced him to withdraw from Wimbledon altogether and miss about 2 1/2 months in all.

After finally pulling even with Pouille by capturing the fourth set, Nadal broke to open the fifth, then went ahead 4-2. But Pouille broke to 4-all.

"Sometimes," Pouille said of the raucous crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium, "I couldn't even hear myself when I was saying, 'Allez! Allez! '"

Soon enough, they were in the tiebreaker, with Pouille holding his first three match points at 6-3.

Nadal—who came to the net far more often than usual-

wouldn't concede yet, though, and one forehand winner by him plus two tight forehands by Pouille evened the score. Anyone's match to win.

"Well, at 6-3, I was like, 'OK, you're going to win this one," Pouille said. "And then, at 6-all, it was not the same."

Pouille never had been to a Grand Slam quarterfinal until Wimbledon a couple of months ago, but it was Nadal who blinked at 6-6. Pouille played conservatively, hitting short shots and making sure they landed in. On one such seemingly easy ball to exploit, Nadal moved forward and whipped that big forehand of his, only to see his reply smack the net.

"I played the right point. I put (myself) in a position to have the winner, and I had the mistake. That's it," the 30-year-old Nadal said. "You cannot go crazy thinking about these kind of things, no?"

Pouille's take: "I couldn't believe he would miss it. But he's like every player. He feels the pressure, as well. Even if he's one of the best, he feels the pressure."

That error made it 7-6 in the tiebreaker, Pouille's fourth match point, and he would not let this one slip away. On a 16-stroke exchange, Pouille delivered a gutsy forehand winner to a corner.

He dropped on his back, his tongue sticking out. As he rose with eyes wide open - and tongue still wagging - the last man from France to win any Grand Slam singles title, 1983 French Open champion Yannick Noah, whose son Joakim recently joined the New York Knicks, spread around highfives in the stands.

Pouille was joined in the quarterfinals by a pair of countrymen, No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and No. 10 Gael Monfils, giving France three men's quarterfinalists at the American Grand Slam tournament for the first time in 89 years. Tsonga, a 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-2 winner over the last U.S. man in the field, No. 26 Jack Sock, now plays No. 1 Novak Djokovic. The defending champion had his right elbow treated by a trainer early in the third set of his 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 victory over Kyle Edmund of Britain.

Pouille will face Monfils, a 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 winner over 2006 Australian Open runner-up Marcos Baghdatis, who received a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct for using his cellphone during a second-set changeover. Monfils is quite a character himself: In the middle of one point, he pretended to lean over to tie a shoelace before quickly resuming play.

In the women's quarterfinals, it'll be No. 2 Angelique Kerber vs. 2015 runner-up Roberta Vinci, and two-time finalist Caroline Wozniacki vs. 48th-ranked Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia.

ENGLEWOOD,

(AP)—Broncos quarterback Trevor Siemian will throw his first pass as a pro Thursday night when the Super Bowl champs kick off the 2016 season against the Carolina Panthers.

Despite his inexperience, he'll have the full playbook at his disposal.

"He can carry a lot of information in a short period of time," coach Gary Kubiak said Sunday. "Let me explain: he can go in that meeting room for two hours in the morning, walk out here at 11:30 and take it to the field. You can't teach that. Guys can handle it or they can't.

"So, he's handling a lot of information, handling the team, practiced well today. We need to help Trevor all we can but I know Trevor's ready to do his part."

Siemian isn't the only

These aren't the same Broncos who won it all

new face in Denver's starting lineup.

Peyton Manning and five other offensive starters from the Broncos' 24-10 win over Carolina in Super Bowl 50 are no longer on the roster, a radical makeover for a champion. Neither is Brock Osweiler, who bolted to the Texans in free agency.

The only players returning to their same spots on offense are center Matt Paradis, running back C.J. Anderson and receivers Emmanuel Sanders and Demaryius Thomas. Another, Michael Schofield, lost his right tackle job to free agent Donald Stephenson but will start at right guard because of injuries to Ty Sambrailo (elbow) and Darrion Weems (concussion).

Two years after revamping

his defense in the rubble of Seattle's Super Bowl demolition of Denver, GM John Elway rebuilt his offense in the wake of his team's triumph.

While Elway spent months searching for Manning's successor this offseason, only to find ter, the Broncos' boss jettisoned both tight ends and three O-linemen who started in the Super Bowl.

Vernon Davis and Owen Daniels were replaced by Virgil Green and free agent John Phillips.

Ryan Harris, Lou Vasquez and Evan Mathis are no longer protecting the passer, replaced by Russell Okung, Max Garcia and Stephenson.

Elway also released Ronnie Hillman, the team's leading rusher last season but a non-factor in the Super Bowl, where Anderson rumbled for 90 yards and Denver's only offensive touchdown following Von Miller's second sackstrip of Cam Newton.

Elway said he bethis year after relying so heavily on Denver's destructive defense to bring home the franchise's third Lombardi Trophy.

"I'm excited about offense," Elway said. "We're better in the offensive line, especially as we get healthier. Running back, I think we're deeper at running back. Our receivers are still good. I think we have a chance to be better offensively with a good balanced attack and have Trevor

come in, play well and do the things that he can do."

Last year, the Broncos put their 39-year-old QB in the pistol or shotgun, which limited their ground game and play-action possibilities. Now, they're back to the runlieves the offense can heavy approach that Kubiak carry more of its weight has employed most of his career, one that features rollouts, bootlegs, sprint-outs and plenty of hand-offs.

"We've got a lot more things that we can do with the running game now," Elway said. "We've got a fullback that can really play in (Andy) Janovich and who does a great job. It gives us a lot of different options."

Elway suggested this new offense will take some pressure off Miller & Co.

"It gives us a better chance

to be better on defense," Elway said, "because if we can stay on the field and pick up some third downs and keep those guys rested on the defensive side, we've got a chance to be better there, too."

The biggest change is Siemian under center. The former Northwestern QB beat out Mark Sanchez with steadiness and spunk.

"I'm not trying to be Peyton," Siemian said. "I could probably get in a lot of trouble trying to be a first-ballot Hall of Famer."

Elway said Siemian has the right mental makeup to succeed Manning: "He handles the huddle very well. The guys like him, they respect him and believe in him."

Siemian served as the Broncos' No. 2 QB for the seven weeks Osweiler started while Manning was sidelined in 2015.

Yankees remain afloat in AL wild-card race



(AP)—Coming off two straight shutout losses

and precariously close to dropping out of serious playoff contention, the New York Yankees desperately needed a victory.

Using a starting lineup containing five rookies, manager Joe Girardi received precisely the performance he wanted.

Chase Headley and Austin Romine had two RBI apiece, and New York beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-2 Sunday to prevent a three-game sweep and remain afloat in the AL wild-card race.

New York had won four straight series before losing 8-0 on Friday night and 2-0 on Saturday.

"You can't afford to lose three in a row to these guys," Girardi said. "We know they play really well in this building. We lost a tough one (Saturday) night. To be able to bounce back is important. It keeps us alive."

Indeed, the young, retooled Yankees remain a part of the playoff picture, trailing Baltimore and Detroit by 3 1/2 games for the final wild-card spot.

"This was a big win. We needed it," Romine said. "We just need to keep the rhythm moving into the next game and see if we can get on a roll."

Luis Severino (2-8) pitched two strong innings of relief and Dellin Betances, the fifth New York reliever, got four outs for his eighth save.

The loss dropped Baltimore three games out of first place in the AL East.

Athletics 1, Red Sox O

In Oakland, Eduardo Rodriguez's nohit bid for the Boston Red Sox was broken up after a replay reversal with two outs in the eighth inning, and Khris Davis hit a game-ending double in the ninth that sent the Oakland Athletics to a victory.

Brock Holt misplayed Davis' double in deep left field for an error that allowed Danny Valencia to score from first base. Valencia drew a leadoff walk against Craig Kimbrel (2-4), and Oakland averted a three-game sweep.

Angeles 4, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Los Angeles starter Matt



The ball gets past Baltimore Orioles first baseman Chris Davis (19) as New York Yankees' Chase Headley, left, gets safely to first during the third inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016, in Baltimore.

Shoemaker was hospitalized after 15 tries but didn't have much time taking a line drive to the head.

Shoemaker was hit on the right side of his head with one out in the second inning on a 105 mph line drive from Kyle Seager. Shoemaker was able to turn his head slightly to avoid a direct blow to his face but was unable to get his mitt up in time.

Cardinals 5, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Randal Grichuk and Kolten Wong homered, Carlos Martinez carried a shutout into the seventh inning and St. Louis Cardinals snapped a three-game losing streak with a win over Cincinnati.

Yadier Molina had two of the Cardinals' five hits as they avoided being swept in Cincinnati for the first time since July 2012.

Mets 5, Nationals 1

In New York, Seth Lugo kept pitching like a playoff-tested ace rather than a rookie, and New York got two-run homers from Curtis Granderson and Jay Bruce to beat Washington.

The Mets won for the 11th time in

to savor the victory—they hurried to Cincinnati for a 1:10 p.m. Monday holiday start.

Blue Jays 5, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Russell Martin hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning to help Toronto overcome a poor start by 17-game winner J.A. Happ and avoid a three-game sweep against Tampa Bay.

The Blue Jays moved a game ahead of Boston atop the AL East.

Martin hit his 17th home run on a 3-0 pitch from Kevin Jepsen (2-6).

Cubs 3, Giants 2, 13 innings

In Chicago, Jason Heyward hit a tying single in the ninth inning and a game-winning single in the 13th as Chicago took three of four from San Francisco in a possible playoff preview.

Trevor Cahill (4-4) worked a perfect inning in a series in which all four games were decided by one run.

Indians 6, Marlins 5

In Cleveland, Lonnie Chisenhall

capped a three-run rally with a twoout RBI single in the ninth inning against Fernando Rodney, leading Cleveland over Miami.

Chisenhall's hit dropped in front of a sliding Ichiro Suzuki in right field and scored pinchrunner Michael Martinez, giving the AL Central leaders their sixth straight win.

Astros 7, Rangers 6

In Arlington, George Springer and Evan Gattis homered to help Houston avoid a series sweep and snap Texas' seven-game winning streak.

The Astros still trail the first-place Rangers by 9 1/2 games in the AL West and have won only three of 16 meetings this season.

Brewers, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Domingo Santana had his first two-homer game, pinch-hitter Jonathan Villar delivered his first grand slam and Chris Carter connected for his 32nd home run as Milwaukee completed a three-game sweep and handed Pittsburgh its sixth

The Pirates' skid follows a fourgame sweep at Milwaukee last weekend.

Dodgers 7, Padres 4

In Los Angeles, Jose De Leon struck out nine while winning his major league debut, pinch-hitter Yasmani Grandal drove in three runs, including a go-ahead single in the fifth inning, and Los Angeles rallied to beat San Diego.

De Leon (1-0) gave up four runs and six hits in six innings and didn't issue a walk.

Tigers 6, Royals 5

In Kansas City, Justin Upton hit a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning, sending Detroit past Kansas City.

Upton also doubled home J.D. Martinez in the second. Upton has seven homers and 18 RBI in his last 14 games.

White Sox 13, Twins 11, 12 innings

In Minneapolis, Jose Abreu hit two three-run homers and drove in a career-best seven runs, and Chicago used Tim Anderson's two-run double in the 12th inning to get a wild win over Minnesota.

Abreu, Anderson and Melky Cabrera had three hits apiece, helping the White Sox overcome four homers by the Twins.

Braves 2, Phillies 0

In Philadelphia, Julio Teheran pitched six sharp innings, Matt Kemp homered and last-place Atlanta beat Philadelphia for its sixth consecutive win.

Teheran (5-9) allowed five hits and struck out seven while lowering his ERA to 3.01. Jim Johnson worked the ninth for his 15th save, finishing a five-hitter.

Diamondbacks 8, Rockies 5

In Denver, Socrates Brito snapped a seventh-inning tie with a three-run homer, and Arizona held off a late rally to beat Colorado.

Archie Bradley (6-8) scattered six hits over six innings and Jean Segura had three hits in his return to the lineup for the Diamondbacks.

NORTON, (AP)—Paul Casey looked

at the leaderboard late in the third round Sunday and saw a lot more names in the mix than he realized. He took care of that with a 3-iron into 30 inches on the final hole for an eagle and a three-shot lead at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Then he looked at the forecast, and realized his work was just starting.

Casey made birdie and eagle over his last three holes for a 5-under 66, giving him a three-shot lead over Brian Harman going into the Labor Day finish as he tries to win on

Casey eagles 18th for 3-shot lead at Deutsche Bank the PGA Tour for the first time Kaufman (68), who was in the right time, and his eagle that before. Asked why he in seven years.

who was at 15-under 198. Rory McIlroy (66) and Louis Oosthuizen (64), who staged a duel at the TPC Boston four years ago, were six shots behind. It was difficult to count out anyone with a forecast for 35 mph wind and burst of showers from the remnants of Hermine due in New England.

Starting times have been moved forward to give the tournament the best chance of finishing.

Harman will be in the final group with Casey and Smylie

group at 11-under 202 along Only five players were with PGA champion Jimmy within five shots of Casey, Walker (70) and Kevin Chappell, who had the lead going into the back nine until hitting a tee shot into a divot that led to double bogey on No. 12. Chappell shot 71.

Chappell, still looking for his first PGA Tour victory, made a birdie at the 10th to get to 13 under until he went at the flag from the divot in the 12th fairway. He came up short in the hazard, tried to play out of the native scrub and went over the green and wound up with a double bogey.

Casey made his at the

at the 18th sent him home only has one PGA Tour vicwith a smile.

hole with the wind coming out in and out of the left. The wind picked up and his caddie, John McLaren, stepped in and called him off. The wind died slightly, and the fun wasn't over.

Casey was amazed by the low scoring, including his own, given the wind. The tour prepared for it by moving up several tees.

"A lot of guys were tearing it up," he said. "Shows how good guys are out there."

Casey has been through

He had 232 yards to the ropean Tour, mostly recently hind, Johnson stumbled to the KLM Open two years ago - Casey pointed to his early years in the Tiger Woods era.

They seemed to play the same schedule, and Casey said that made it even tougher. And then there were the injuries, which slowed his career. Casey said he has had no excuses the last couple of years, and he was determined to change that.

All he has left is one more round, and what figures to be a day of nasty weather.

Dustin Johnson wasn't

among those in the mix. He was a birdie away from tying for the 36-hole lead on Saturday. Starting the third tory - he has 14 on the Eu- round just three shots bea /5 and was 11 shots back. Jordan Spieth didn't fare much better. He was five shots behind and had to rally with two late birdies for a 72. He 10 behind.

The top 70 in the FedEx Cup advance to the BMW Championship, which starts Thursday at Crooked Stick in Indiana. Casey was at No. 59 going into the Deutsche Bank, while Harman was at No. 67. Getting to the next FedEx Cup playoff event no longer is a concern.

Mueller ends Germany drought; Allardyce's lucky England win

OSLO, Norway (AP)— Thomas Mueller helped Germany launch a confident start to its World Cup title defense Sunday with a 3-0 away win over Norway.

Mueller scored two goals and set up another for Bayern Munich teammate Joshua Kimmich as the world champions eased to a comfortable start in the Group C qualifier.

"With Thomas Mueller I'd rather he had scored a few goals at the European Championship," Germany coach Joachim Loew joked.

Mueller opened the scoring in the 15th minute, scrambling the ball in at the second attempt after seeing his first try blocked by a combination of Even Hovland and Havard Nordtveit.

It was an unconventional goal, typical of Mueller, who hadn't scored internationally since the 2-1 win over Georgia in Euro 2016 qualifying in October 2015.

Mueller set up Kimmich just before the break, spotting his run and laying off the ball for the 21-year-old to score his first international goal, and the forward then rounded off the scoring on the hour, heading in a precise cross from Sami Khedira.

"He worked really hard at the European Championship and had a lot of chances without scoring a goal. This will do him good for the rest of the season," Loew said of Mueller.

Rune Jarstein prevented an even worse evening for Norway with a good save to deny substitute Julian Brandt late on.

Manuel Neuer led Germany out as designated team captain for the first time following Bastian Schweinsteiger's retirement but the 'keeper had

It was Loew's 139th game in charge, putting him level



Norway's Haitam Aleesami, left, battles for the ball with Germany's Thomas Muller during their World Cup Group C qualifying soccer match in Oslo, Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016.

with Helmut Schoen, though he still has some way to go before matching Sepp Herberger's record of 167 matches.

GROUP C

Also in Germany's group, Ruslan Gurbanov's first international goal gave Azerbaijan a 1-0 win in San Marino, which had defender Cristian Brolli sent off early in the second half. Northern Ireland held the Czech

Republic to a goalless draw in Prague, where Karel Jarolim endured a frustrating debut in charge of the hosts.

GROUP F

Adam Lallana pounced in the fifth minute of stoppage time to ensure Sam Allardyce made a winning start as England manager, clinching a 1-0 victory over Slovakia.

England had a man-advantage from the 57th minute when Martin Skrtel received a second yellow card for another foul on Harry

Kane but the visitors left it late to break through Slovakia's resistance. Sloppy goalkeeping helped Lallana score his first England goal in his 27th international FIFA WORLD CUP

after his shot RUSSIA 2018 went through Matus Ko-

zacik's legs.

"Everyone back home was waiting with bated breath and we scored the winner," said Allardyce, who never featured for England as a player and has only previously managed modest domestic clubs. "We dominated the game and finally got what we deserved. The result did us justice in the

Wayne Rooney became England's most capped outfield player, surpassing the record he held with David Beckham, by making a 116th appearance. Goalkeeper Peter Shilton made a record 125 England appearances between 1970 and 1990.

England's next group opponent in October is Malta, which was routed 5-1 by neighbor Scotland. Robert Snodgrass scored a hat trick, with the opener a cross that flew over backtracking goalkeeper Andrew Hogg. Two Malta players—Jonathan Caruana and Luke Gambinwere sent off in the second half for fouling Snodgrass.

Surprise starter Chris Martin and substitute Steven Fletcher also scored for Scotland, which is looking to qualify for its first tournament since the 1998 World Cup.

Slovenia staged a late fightback to draw 2-2 at Lithuania.

GROUP E

Denmark is setting the early pace after Christian Eriksen sealed a 1-0 win over Armenia.

Poland threw away a twogoal lead, secured by Bartosz Kapustka and captain Robert Lewandowski, to draw 2-2 in Kazakhstan. Two quick goals in the second half from Sergei Khizhnichenko ensured Kazakhstan opened qualifying with a point.

Romania was held to a 1-1 draw by Montenegro with Nicolae Stanciu missing the chance to win it for the hosts when he missed a penalty in the seventh minute of stoppage time

head again reminded interest-

ed local federations about the

deadline for confirmation of

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Public School System at the Special Education department of the Koblerville Elementary

Santos and San Nicolas said their best lifts vary and they happen either during their training or when competing. "It varies but we always aim to have the best lift," said Santos.

"We don't plan it. We hit new numbers on certain days and sometimes we won't reach them," added San Nicolas.

They also follow a diet in order to make the target weight. "For me, I need three to four hours to digest all that I've eaten before each workout. We don't just eat anything and we also need to follow a dietary plan to hit our desired weight."

They are aiming to compete in the weight category that is lower than their previous class in order to become the strongest in their divisions. Santos will be competing in the 62kg weight category, while San Nicolas will be competing in the 94kg class, which he said is not far from his current weight.

Santos won three silver medals in the men's 62k weight division in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei. Last year, he went home with the gold in the same weight class in the Micronesia Weightlifting Invitational also held in Guam with lifts of 100kg in the snatch and 220kg in the clean and jerk.

San Nicolas settled for the silver in the 94kg division in the same competition with lifts of 95kg in the snatch and 125kg in the clean and jerk in the Sinclair method for a total lift of 253.095.

The Sinclair method has the athlete's body weight multiplied with his total lift.

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Team White got even quickly when Nicole Malasarte won over Sison in the women's B singles, 21-10, 21-10, Nicole's mother, Malou, and Pangilinan then gave Team White its second straight victory after sweeping Galvez and Vilma Reves in the mixed A doubles, 21-14, 22-20. In the mixed AB doubles, it was Nicole's turn to team up with Pangilinan and they made it three in a row for Team White after prevailing against Galvez and Sison, 21-15, 21-13.

Fielded and Reyes ended Team White's run and handed Team Red its second victory after outclassing Hilario and Velasco in the mixed BC doubles, 21-14, 21-14.

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great opportunity for our players," Race added.

The Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitairesanctioned competition has produced some Olympic and World Championships participants. It features athletes in the 17 to 25 age group and must be enrolled in college/university or post high school institutions.

Next year's Summer Universiade will run from Aug. 19 to 30 and will have 22 sports—10 of which are played in the CNMI and have active organizations. The list, besides tennis, also includes athletics, basketball, swimming, volleyball, badminton, baseball, gold, and weightlifting. In the past, the Commonwealth had sent a swimmer, runner, and biker to the quadrennial event.

slots (two athletes and a coach) in the Summer Universiade with FISU shouldering the cost of the trip to Chinese-Taipei and the accommodations. However, NMSA president Mike White said that if more than two athletes are interested in competing, the association may consider a bigger delegation and will find a way to provide financial aid to interested parties. White added they may divide the financial assistance from FISU among the athletes and a coach, while NMASA may also chip in for airfare cost and per diem.

Meanwhile, the NMSA

participation in the 2017 Pa-The CNMI is given three cific Mini Games in Vanuatu. "This December, we have to tell the organizers which sports we are competing in. Make sure that when you say you will send athlete/athletes or a team, you will honor that commitment or you will be

> fined," White said. The Mini Games in Vanuatu will take place from Dec. 2 to 14 and 14 sports will be contested in the 13-day meet. Athletics is in calendar of events along with volleyball (indoor and beach), soccer, rugby 7's (men only), tennis, weightlifting, archery, cricket, boxing, judo, karate, netball, and table tennis.

UFO masters caging eyes Sept. 25 opening The United Filipino Or- among community and

Organizational Basketball League is eyeing a Sept. 25 opening for its mixed masters division at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Participating teams are required to have 10 players in the over 40 age group and five in the 40 and under in their rosters. Squads will provide for their own uniforms with colors to be assigned by league organizers.

The league aims to foster friendship, commitment, and camaraderie

ganization's 15th Inter- UFO member organizations and encourage good health through playing basketball. For more details and in-

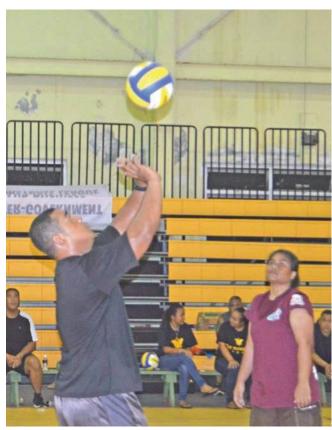
> formation about the league, please contact UFO president Bong Malasarte at 287-5525 or email at bong. malasarte@gmail.com; Lito Espino (league chairman) at 287-3723; and Edward Manalili (basketball commissioner) at 483-4337 or visit United Filipino Organization's Facebook page. (PR)

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CNMI Labor Day Indoor Volleyball Tournament

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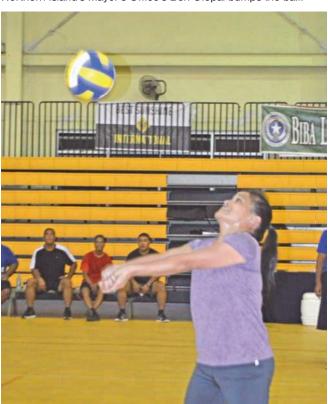
A Department of Public Safety player tosses the ball during their title game against Northern Island's Mayor's Office in the CNMI Labor Day Indoor Volleyball Tournament last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Two Northern Island's Mayor's Office players eye the ball.



Northern Island's Mayor's Office's Ben Olopai bumps the ball.



Department of Public Safety's Reyna Saures sets up a teammate.



Northern Marianas College and Department of Public Safety players exchange high-fives.



A Department of Public Safety player steps forward to bump the ball.



A Northern Marianas College player, right, dinks the ball, while Department of Public Safety's Joe Saures goes for a black.



Department of Public Safety's Carl Hocog serves to Northern Marianas College



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Team White dominates finals

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eam White was all business in the finals of the 2016 Sun Palace Badminton Team Tournament as proven in its 23-7 thrashing of Team Read over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex. the first five pairings in the title showdown last Saturday and

capped its dominance in the finale with a sweep of the remaining five games last Sunday.

The pair of Nicole Malasarte and Alyssa Velasco completed Team White's perchampionship affair after surviving Miles Rodriguez and Rowena Sison in three games

in the women's BC doubles divi-Malasarte sion. and Velasco won

the first game, 21-12, while Rodriguez and Sison stole the extended second game, 28-26. Velasco and Malasarte then saved enough gas in the deciding Game 3, prevailing by 5 points, 21-16.

Team White's other matches last Sunday ended early with three of them wrapping up after only two games and one ending in default. In the mixed C doubles, Hajin Oh and Lanie Santos downed A.J. Ortega and Kathy Distor, 21-19, 21-14, while in the men's doubles A, Guerrero teamed up with Jordan Pangilinan in beating Patrick Fieldad and Vladimar Dela Cruz, 21-16, 21-18. Guerrero also played in the men's B doubles with Cris Hilario and they defeated Fieldad and Dela Cruz, 21-19, 21-17. Team White was awarded the free win in the men's C doubles after Team Red failed to field players in last Sunday's games.

Team Red was hammered in the finals despite getting off a good start. Day 1 of the championship round saw Team Red drawing first blood with Andreau Galvez beating Guerrero in the men's A singles, 21-15, 21-18.

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Team White's Jordan Pangilinan leans back for a return during his and Malou Malasarte's mixed A doubles game against Team Red's Andreau Galvez and Vilma Reyes in the Sun Palace tournament last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Tennis expresses interest in World University Games

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Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association official Jeff Race said they are interested in competing in the 2017 World University Games/Summer Universiade that will be held in Chinese-Taipei.

"We just have to talk to our players who are now in college. If their schedule is OK, we can send them to Chinese-Taipei," Race told Northern Marianas Sports Association members during the group's monthly meeting last week at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO The local tennis group has expressed interest in the 2017 World University Games/Summer Universiade and Mikayla Lopez is among the collegiate players that could represent the CNMI in the competition in Chinese-Taipei

CNMI junior tennis players who are now seeing action in the collegiate ranks. Thea Minor is with NCAA Division II's Henderson State University, while Mikayla Lopez is suiting up for New Mexico Military School, and Amami Sakano

There are three former is playing with University of Hawaii-Hilo. Tammy Ackerman, who is on her senior year in high school, is also TAIPEI 2017 on the short list. A AAA "We're interested and the University Games could be another **See TENNIS on Page 26**



2 CNMI weightlifters to join Guam tourney

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The CNMI's Raymond Santos and Angel San Nicolas are both hoping their yearlong training with an "online" coach and sharing of knowledge would be enough to boost their chances of winning in the inaugural Micro Cup Liftoff weightlifting tournament in Guam this month.

Custom Fitness in Hagatna, Guam will host the Olympicstyle weightlifting event consisting of the snatch, and clean and jerk—on Sept. 17. International Weightlifting Federation rules will be used in the one-day competition.

Santos and San Nicolas have been training hard twice a day-morning and afternoon—almost every day, resting only when the need arises. They train at the Latte Built Functional Fitness and Nutrition at the Commonwealth Development Authority building in San Jose.

"We coach each other and create our own training program," said Santos after taking a break from their training yesterday at the Derek Cutting-owned gym. "We're thankful for Derek for letting us use his facility."

Santos added they are training even if there's no competition. "He [San Nicolas] trains

everyday with no rest day. I usually treat Saturday and Sunday as my rest days. I rest when I don't feel fine."

"We train and share knowledge. We're each other's coach and watch YouTube videos. Hopefully it would be enough for both of us," said San Nicolas, who added that they are aiming to win in the Guam Weightlifting Federation-organized event.

"We're going there to win but at the same time also enjoy the friendly competition. We love the sport," San Nicolas said.

Santos and San Nicolas are both working for the CNMI

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CNMI weightlifters Angel San Nicolas, left, and Raymond Santos, right, enter the homestretch of their training for the Sept. 17 inaugural Micro Cup Liftoff weightlifting tournament at the Custom Fitness in Hagatna Guam. Latte Built gym owner Derek Cutting, center, let both lifters train at his facility at the Commonwealth Development Authority building in San Jose.